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CHAPTER 139: HAVING A BATH TOGETHER - CONTINUED

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RIGHT?

A-fuuuh ♡ This hot spring really feels great ♡

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FANSERVICE FROM THE GET-GO♡

IT'S CALLED "HALF-BODY BATHING".

PU~

SAY, YOU'RE ALWAYS ONLY HALFWAY IN THE BATH WHENEVER I SEE YOU BATHING, MISAKI-CHAN.

HEY, HEY, MISAKI-CHAN. I'LL WASH YOUR BACK, SO COME HERE.

OKAY, I'LL WASH TON-KATSU-CHAN, THEN ♡

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PU~

REALLY? I WON'T FEEL LIKE I'VE TAKEN A BATH UNLESS I'VE BEEN SOAKING MY WHOLE BODY IN THE BATH FOR A WHILE.

SINCE I'M HALF YUKI ONNA, I USU-ALLY DON'T SUBMERGE MYSELF ANY FURTHER SINCE I MIGHT GET TOO WARM.

PU~

THEY DEFINITELY ARE.

WELL, AREN'T THEY GETTING ALONG.

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I'LL HAVE TO DECLINE.

SOUNDS LIKE FUN TO ME. AREN'T YOU FEELING LONELY? DON'T YOU WANT TO JOIN THEM?

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IMOUTO POWER, FULL THROTTLE♥

Chapter 139 "Having a Bath Together - Continued"

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TL NOTE: THOSE WHO DON'T REMEMBER, GO READ CHAPTER 58'S FIRST BANGAIHEN; KNOWN AS 58A OR 58.2

PU~

AL-RIGHT~

OKAY, I'M GONNA POUR THE WATER.

EH~? WHY?

AH, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN DO THIS WITH ONII-CHAN!

I DEFINITELY AGREE. I HAVEN'T DONE THIS IN A WHILE EITHER.

Fufu ♡ Just as I thought, having a bath with someone feels much better than bathing alone.

REALLY... IF ONII-CHAN COULDN'T EXPLAIN TO YOU, THEN IT'LL BE IM-POSSIBLE FOR ME TO...

I'VE ALREADY HEARD THAT EXPLANATION FROM IKUTO MANY TIMES, BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT AT ALL.

PU-

WHY, YOU ASK...?

BECAUSE WE ARE GIRLS, AND ONII-CHAN IS A BOY!

UNYAH?

IF IT WAS A NORMAL GUY, THEY WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO RESIST THIS KIND OF SWEET TEMPTATION.

I SEE. ALTHOUGH I WAS UPSET AT HIM ABOUT THIS A FEW DAYS AGO... ONII-CHAN MUST'VE HAD HIS HANDS FULL WITH HER RESISTANCE TO UNDER-STANDING.

ONLY AS LITTLE KIDS.

DID YOU USE TO GO INTO BATHS WITH IKUTO OVER ON THE OTHER SIDE?

SEE, YOU ALSO WANTED TO GO IN WITH HIM, BUT IKUTO FORCEFULLY STOPPED IT.

HEH?

W-WELL... I THINK THAT'S THE CASE?

WAS IKUTO THE ONE WHO ASKED YOU TO STOP?

YEAH. WHILE HE DID ASK TO STOP A FEW TIMES BEFORE, ONII-CHAN AND I FINALLY MADE A COMPROMISE THAT IT WOULD BE OKAY UNTIL THE START OF MIDDLE SCHOOL.

YOU CALL THAT "NORMAL"...?

I've been saying it ever since the start of grade school

JUST BECAUSE HE THINKS THAT I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE OUTSIDE WORLD IS LIKE, IKUTO IS SO...

MY MOTHER TOLD ME THAT SHE ALWAYS BATHED TOGETHER WITH MY FATHER.

TH-THAT'S BECAUSE THEY ARE MARRIED...

Being "married" is the same as being family, right? Ikuto is also a part of my family now!

S-SUZU-CHAN!?

I'VE DECIDED! THIS TIME FOR SURE, I'LL MAKE SURE THAT IKUTO, UNDER THE RULES OF THIS HOUSE-HOLD, WILL BATHE TOGETHER WITH US EVERYDAY!!

PU-

Eehh!? W-wait, what!?

EH? YOU'RE ASKING, DID SUCH A RULE EXIST BEFORE THIS?

I MADE THAT RULE UP JUST NOW.

FORGIVE ME, ONII-CHAN. I THINK I FLIPPED A WEIRD SWITCH WITHIN SUZU-CHAN...

PU-?

THE NEXT DAY.

SAME GOES FOR YOU, MISAKI.

IT'S SOMETHING WE'VE GOTTEN USED TO, AFTER DOING IT SO OFTEN.

ONII-CHAN, YOU'VE GOTTEN GOOD AT HAND-CLEANING. YOU USED TO NEVER TOUCH THE LAUNDRY BACK HOME.

Come on, I have more to wash, so I just...♡

HEY! Your part of the laundry is mixed with mine, Misaki!

SEE, IT'S ALL CLEA-

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WELL, YOU ONLY NEED TO KNOW ONE OR TWO TRICKS TO IT. YOU NEED TO MAKE SURE YOU'RE NOT DOING IT TOO STRONGLY OR TOO WEAKLY. YOU JUST NEED TO GET THE DIRTY PARTS OFF...

I SORT OF JUST WENT ALONG WITH WHAT SUZU-CHAN SAID AND AGREED TO HELP...

...BUT IS THIS REALLY OKAY?

GH-GHOSTS!?

HE WOULD EITHER TAKE ONE AT ANOTHER TIME, OR EVEN HAVE GHOSTS GUARD HIM.

YEAH, ABOUT THAT...I'VE TRIED CHALLENGING MYSELF TO GET IN WITH HIM BEFORE, BUT IKUTO HAS SUCH GOOD TIMING.

JUST TO ASK...WHAT DO YOU MEAN THAT YOU TRIED TO TAKE A BATH TOGETHER WITH ONII-CHAN?

CHALLENGING...?

I DON'T THINK IT'S RELATED TO BEING WARMED UP TO THAT POINT....

I always hate that.

THE BIGGEST PROBLEM IS THAT EVEN IF I DO GET IN, HE'S ALREADY WARMED HIMSELF UP TO THE POINT OF NOSEBLEED.

BUT IT ALSO IS TROUBLESOME THAT HE'S LOST HIS IMMUNITY WHEN LOOKING AT A GIRL'S BODY...

IF THIS CONTINUES, MARRIAGE... NO, EVEN DATING WOULD BE A PROBLEM FOR HIM...

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FOR ONII-CHAN'S SAKE, I PUSHED AWAY ANYTHING PERVERTED FROM HIM SO THAT HE WOULDN'T BE LURED BY WOMANLY CHARMS.

MISAKI-CHAAAN ♪

BUT IT SEEMS LIKE SUZU-CHAN'S WISH IS TO JUST BATHE WITH HIM.

SO I'LL TAKE THIS CHANCE TO HELP HER WHILE SHOWING OFF MY SEXY BODY SO HIS HEALTHY ADOLESCENT BOY SIDE REVIVES ♡

BASICALLY, WE GO LEARN THINGS BY DOING THEM NSTEAD OF BEING TAUGHT.

WELL, BY THE HOUSE RULES I GREW UP WITH, WE SHOULD GO WITH "JUST TRY AND SEE IF IT WORKS".

HMMM. LET ME THINK...

SO, M SAKI-CHAN, HOW DO WE MAKE IKUTO NOT GET SO OVER-HEATED?

BUT JOIN NG H.M WHEN HE'S BATH.NG IS EASIER SAID THAN DONE.

THAT'S WHY, EVERY DAY, F WE FORCEFULLY JO'N H.M WHEN HE'S BATHING, HE'LL EVENTUALLY GET USED TO IT.

EVEN IF IT'S YOU, MISAKI-CHAN I THINK IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO GET BEHIND HIS BACK LIKE THAT.

OH HO. I'M THE ONE WHO KNOWS ABOUT ONI-CHAN MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE! I'M THE ONI-CHAN MANIAC!

IF IT'S ME, I CAN HAVE ONI-CHAN ON THE PALM OF MY HAND, DANCING TO WHATEVER I SAY!

Wow~

You two really are siblings. Just like Ikuto, you both hate to lose ♡

I keep telling you, I'm not his sister!

WELL, IT FEELS LIKE I'VE BEEN PULLED INTO SUZU-CHAN'S PACE WITHOUT A DOUBT...

An airhead to [illegible] of us

SEE YA.

PU.

WELL, WE'RE GOING AHEAD.

OKAY.

UNYA!

OK THEN, SUZU-CHAN, IT'S TIME.

UNYA ?

DON'T SAY ANY THING

UWAAH!?

One, two, and...

Push!

DIDN'T YOU JUST YELL "PUSH"?

PU~

We're sorry~

Sorry, Onii-chan. We stumbled ♡

FUFU♡ THAT WENT WELL. KONAYUKI IS CONTROLLING ONII-CHAN'S SURROUNDINGS BY DROPPING THE TEMPERATURE AROUND HIM♡

HE'LL EVENTUALLY GET THE URGE TO SOAK IN A NICE, HOT BATH! PLUS, GHOSTS DON'T APPEAR DURING THE DAY.

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THAT AS DE, ISN'T TODAY COLDER THAN USUAL?

I AGREE. IF YOU STAY OUT HERE, YOU'RE GOING TO CATCH A COLD, SO WHY NOT GO TAKE A BATH?

Wha!?

OKAY.

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AAH! KONAYUKI!!

OH~

Really hates heat

OH IT'S GETTING WARM

I DON'T NEED TO TAKE A BATH IF I WARM MYSELF WITH A BONFIRE, MY CLOTHES WILL DRY ALSO KILLING TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE.

BUT WE STILL HAVE ANOTHER PLAN UP OUR SLEEVES.. SUZU-CHAN, TIME FOR PLAN B

UNYA!

WELL AREN'T YOU A TOUGH NUT, ONII-CHAN.

I DIDN'T THINK YOU HAD THE SKILL TO MAKE A BONFIRE..

OH YEAH, WE HAVEN'T DONE THAT IN A WHILE. SURE.

HEY, ONI-CHAN? CAN YOU BECOME MY SPARRING PARTNER?

WE SHOULD BE MORE EVENLY MATCHED IF IT'S FIGHTING WITH BARE-HANDS!

FUFUFU... ALTHOUGH I CAN'T WIN AGAINST ONII-CHAN WHEN HE IS WIELDING A SWORD..

Well I had my claws

YEAH.

WHENEVER YOU'RE READY

OKAY, HERE I COME.

I'LL MAKE YOU SWEAT A LOT. THIS TIME FOR SURE, I'LL HAVE YOU TAKE A BATH NO MATTER WHAT.

WELL, MAYBE BY A BIT.

F-FAST! HAVE YOU IMPROVED LATELY?

WHOOPS.

Hah!!

OH, CHANGING TO YOUR SWORD-HAND TECHNIQUES.

How about this, then!?

OH. LOOKS HARSH

UNYA!

URGH. I DON'T WANT TO ADMIT IT, BUT I CAN'T DO THIS ALONE..

NO PROBLEM. COME AT ME, BOTH OF YOU.

Ikuto ♡ May I join in, too?

Haah —!!

Unya- nya- nya~!!

HEY, WHEN YOU'VE FINISHED SPARRING, YOU NEED TO SAY "THANK YOU VERY MUCH", RIGHT?

THANK YOU VERY MUCH...

WE'RE THE ONES THAT GOT ALL SWEATY...

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DANG IT... NO FAIR! YOU WERE ONLY DODGING!

HE DOESN'T WASTE A SINGLE MOVE ANYMORE.

FUFUFU. THAT'S BECAUSE I'VE BEEN TRAINING H.M EVERY MORN'NG.

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HAH... HAH...

I-I CAN'T... TOO TIRED...

IKUTO DIDN'T SWEAT A S NGLE DROP.

WE TRIED MANY OTHER THINGS, BUT ALL OF THEM FAILED.

IT'S NOT MY FAULT, OKAY!? IT'S ONLY BECAUSE I HAVEN'T PROCESSED ANY OF THE NEW DATA I'VE GOT ON ONI-CHAN.

BUT IT DID MAKE ME FALL IN LOVE WITH HIM AGAIN♡

EVEN THOUGH WE WANT HIM TO BATHE WITH US, WHY ARE WE GOING THROUGH ALL OF THIS TROUBLE?

AS YOU CAN SEE, ONII-CHAN IS VERY STUBBORN. JUST LIKE OUR FATHER. BUT IF WE SAID THAT TO HIM, HE WOULD BE UPSET.

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, THE JUTSU THAT MADE ONI-CHAN NOT BELIEVE IN OCCULT-LIKE THINGS WAS ONE STRONG ENOUGH TO EVEN CHANGE THE MIND OF SOMEONE AS STUBBORN AS HIM.

I SEE. I CAN UNDERSTAND THAT.

AH, I GOT IT. WHY DON'T WE HAVE MACHI-NEE USE THE SAME JUTSU!?

HEH?

WAH!?

YES, I CAN DO IT.

Oh, I wonder if that's true♡

REALLY, YOU KEEP SCAR NG ME TO DEATH W TH YOUR ENTRANCES! ARE YOU WAIT NG FOR THE RIGHT TIME TO COME OUT OR SOMETHING!?

YOU KNOW...

I PUT A SPELL UPON AYANE SO THAT SHE WOULD THINK WALKING AROUND ON HER HANDS IS NORMAL. IT WENT WELL.

YES. I HEARD ABOUT IT, SO I SEARCHED [redacted] FOUND IT. I'VE ALREADY TESTED IT.

ANYWAYS, CAN YOU [redacted] THAT JUTSU, MACHI-NEE?

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WHAT?

TESTED IT...?

FUN, YOU SAY...

INDEED, THIS LOOKS FUN, SO I'LL DO IT ♡

WELL THEN, CAN YOU PUT A JUTSU ON IKUTO SO THAT HE'LL THINK BATHING TOGETHER WITH OTHERS IS NORMAL?

He's absorbed in his book, so use this chance now

THAT NIGHT...

LET'S GO TEST IT OUT RIGHT NOW.

SO...

I WONDER IF THAT JUTSU IS GOING TO REALLY WORK?

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HEY, IKUTO~ LET'S GO NTO THE BATH TO-GETHER ♡

Yay ♡ It worked ♡

WHAT WORKED?

YEAH, THAT'S FINE WITH ME.

PU-

OKAY~

I'LL TAKE THE FUTON OUT, SO GO AHEAD.

AH....

SORRY FOR THE WAIT.

OH, HE'S COME ♡

THAT'S WHAT MOST BOYS WOULD SAY, YOU KNOW...

WE DID IT, M.SAKI-CHAN. I DIDN'T THINK THE DAY WOULD COME WHEN IKUTO WOULD BE WILLING TO COME INTO THE BATH WITH US. I'M SO GLAD~

Auh...

HUH? WHAT'S WRONG?

EH... NO, IT'S JUST...

WAIT A SEC! COVER YOURSELF!

WHAT? WHAT'RE YOU SAYING? ISN'T IT A COURTESY TO NOT HIDE YOURSELF WHILE BATHING? YOU TWO AREN'T DOING IT, RIGHT?

PUP

AH, UHM .. M.SAKI-CHAN WH-WHAT IS THAT?

I've been curious about that

UH... TH-THAT IS... HOW DO YOU SAY...

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PUF

Auh~...

W-WELL, THIS S OUR LOSS. WE'RE NOW THE ONES THAT ARE FEELING EMBARRASSED BECAUSE ON-CHAN HAS BECOME LIKE THIS.

IN THE END, WE FEEL LIKE STARING AT

A-AM I?

INTERESTING THINGS ARE NTERESTING BUT SUZU-CHAN IS STILL TOO YOUNG FOR THIS.

Wh- what is it!?

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HUH? SUZU-CHAN?

HEEYY!

O-OKAY!

COME ON OVER HERE, SUZU. I'LL WASH YOUR BACK FOR YOU.

YOUR BACK S SO BEAU-TIFUL, SUZU.

IT'S SO CLEAN THAT I EVEN FEEL GOOD WHEN WASHING YOU.

N-NO, IT FEELS GOOD.

HOW IS IT? I'M NOT PRESS NG TOO HARD, AM I?

RE-READ V12

V-YEAH.

OKAY, NOW RAISE YOUR HANDS UP. IT MIGHT TICKLE, BUT BEAR WITH T.

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HEY, HEY, NO NEED TO RUSH.

Hold it there! You've been complimenting Suzu-chan from the beginning!! Next is me! It's my turn!

WHAT'S A MODEL?

AFTER TAKING A CLOSER LOOK, YOUR WAIST IS QUITE CURVY, JUST LIKE A MODEL'S.

EH?

YOU'RE RIGHT.

IKUTO, YOUR NOSE IS

YOU'RE RIGHT♡ SO, HOW'S MY BACK?

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AH...

JUST SAYING, IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE WASHED YOUR BACK, MISAKI.

Eh~!?

AGAIN? WHEN DID YOU...?

Oh yes, and thank you for letting me see it ♡

Where!?

OH MY ♡ IT SEEMS THAT THE JUTSU HAS REACHED THE LIMIT OF BEING ABLE TO FOOL IKUTO-SAMA'S SENSES ♡

WHY AM I-

ONII-CHAN!?

IKUTO!?

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO NOW, SUZU-CHAN? GIVE UP?

I thought that we would be able to have a proper bath with him though.

Well, I guess this means that we can't fix Ikuto-sama's naivete with just a spell♡

AUH~

DO YOUR VERY BEST, IKUTO-SAMA♡

THAT'S FOR SURE. FOR THE SAKE OF HIS FUTURE, WE NEED TO TURN ONII-CHAN INTO A MAN♡

DO YOUR BEST TOO, IKUTO!!

No way! I really enjoyed bathing together with Ikuto! I'll do my best next time for sure, without needing to rely on any spell!!!

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She said full moon, It's time for...!?
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Ehh-!?

WITH LAST TIME AND THE TIME BEFORE THAT, I WENT OUT AS HIM FOR TWO MONTHS STRAIGHT

I'M OUT OF IDEAS, SO I WAS THINKING OF TAKING A BREAK THIS MONTH INSTEAD.

No way! I can't wait that long!

WELL, SOME IDEAS WILL EVENTUALLY COME.

Today's snack is ...ttle Da Muuto

Thank you!

IN REALITY, THINKING UP A GOOD MYSTERY STORY TAKES LOTS OF TIME

YOU CAN'T JUST WRITE IT LEFT AND RIGHT.

YOU WILL, CHII-CHAN?

HOW ABOUT I FIND YOU SOME IDEAS!?

AH, I GOT IT!

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Chapter 140 Finding the Ideas

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READY, YOU SAY...

YOU REALLY PRIORITIZE APPEAR-ANCE OVER EVERYTHING, DON'T YOU, CHII-CHAN?

GOOD, I'M ALL SET.

I'LL SHOW YOU THAT I CAN GATHER SOME IDEAS TO-GETHER.

WELL, I DO HAVE SHINOBI BLOOD RUNNING THROUGH MY VEINS.

THOUGH YOU HAVE NO TRAIN-ING.

THEN THERE IS A CHANCE THAT BENIYA-SHA'S IDENTI-TY WILL BE UNCOVERED TOO.

BUT PLEASE BE CAREFUL. IF ANYONE FINDS OUT WHAT YOU ARE DOING,

I'LL BE OFF, THEN.

I ALREADY KNOW THAT. I WOULDN'T LIKE THE BENIYASHA SERIES TO END IN SUCH A PATHETIC WAY, EITHER.

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OH DEAR.

I'LL COME, SO STOP DRAGG NG ME ALONG..

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AH, MAA-KUN, SINCE YOU'RE ALWAYS FREE, COME HELP ME OUT!

SEEMS LIKE I'VE FOUND THE NEWEST BOOK IN CHII-CHAN'S COLLEC-TION♡

OH.

I CAN GUARANTEE THAT HE WON'T APPEAR THREE MONTHS IN A ROW.

THE NEW MOON IS COMING SOON, BUT WILL BENIYASHA APPEAR?

THAT'S TRUE.

WELL, YOU'RE NOW A PERMANENT RESIDENT HERE, IKUTO-SAN, SO WHY DON'T YOU JUST WAIT IN LEISURE?

WASN'T LAST TIME BECAUSE HE JUST HAPPENED TO HAVE ENOUGH TRICKS UP HIS SLEEVE?

IF I'M CORRECT, BENIYASHA WOULD APPEAR ONLY ONCE EVERY HALF-YEAR.

Penguin Moe ♡
Penguin MOE ♡
Penguin MOE~♡

OH. THERE'S NO NEED. I DON'T REALLY CARE...

BUT... I WOULD STILL LIKE TO APOLOGIZE FOR MY LITTLE SISTER'S WEIRDNESS EARLIER...

BUT I HAVEN'T GIVEN UP ON MY GOAL OF BECOMING THE LEAD CHARACTER

HM...I WOULD DEFINITELY LIKE IKUTO-SAN AS THE PROTAGONIST AND PEN-PEN AS HIS ASSISTANT; THEY'RE IDEAL FOR THOSE ROLES.

AS I COLLECT THESE IDEAS, THIS NEXT CASE WILL BE IN MY ADVAN-TAGE.

ALTHOUGH SUZU-CHAN HAPPENED TO SNATCH THE LEADING ROLE LAST TIME...

WHEN THERE IS A SITUATION INVOLVING S.B-LINGS, THERE'S USUALLY A FIGHT OVER FORTUNE... OR SOMETHING SUSPENSEFUL LIKE THAT...

BUT IT DOESN'T SUIT THESE TWO.

WELL, THERE IS ALSO THE NEW LIL' SISTER CHARACTER, MISAKI-SAN.

BUT...FOR A BENIYASHA CASE, IT WOULD BE TOO MUCH TO INCLUDE SUCH A PLOT.

IF I WERE TO THINK ABOUT IT, MISAKI-SAN WOULD BE THE TYPE TO BECOME JEALOUS AND KILL SOMEONE ELSE. YES, THAT SEEMS TO FIT.

Ah, yes, yes. A fight between Beniyasha and a yuki-onna sounds fun.

Chikage-sa~n? Are you done yet?

What was that!?

What!?

Unyah!?

Ukyaah!!

I can't hold on much longer.

AH!

Chi-

Chikage-san!?

Ow ow ow...

A smoke bomb!?

Take this!!

Wabuh!?

AH...

OH NO!

WHAT WERE YOU DOING?

YOU FELL FROM ABOVE, BUT...?

Ukyaa-aah!!

Hey, Maa-kun. How dare you drop me from-

AH... THAT WAS TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT...

I WONDER WHAT SHE WAS DO NG HERE?

SHE DISAP-PEARED.

ARE YOU OKAY?

OWOWOW.... AS EXPECTED, FALLING TWICE IN A ROW IS VERY PAINFUL...

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YOU'RE JUST THAT WEAK, MAA-KUN!

WHETHER YOU'RE STRONG OR NOT, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO HOLD SOMEONE AROUND MY WEIGHT!

EH-?

EVEN IF YOU SAY THAT... I'M NOT REALLY THAT STRONG IN THE FIRST PLACE.

As if I am! This only happened because you didn't hold onto me tightly!

What did you say!?

I DON'T THINK SO... YOU'RE JUST HEAVY, CHIKAGE-SAN!

Are you saying I'm heavier than someone like Panako-san!?

No it's alright

Aren't you heavy?

ONE TIME BEFORE, I WAS able TO CARRY PANAKO-SAN ON MY SHOULDERS WITHOUT A PROBLEM.

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CAN'T YOU FLY HIGHER?

YOU'RE HEAVY.

I'M SURE YOU'LL BE FINE IF YOU PUT ME ON YOUR SHOULDERS!

AH, I GET IT NOW! YOU WERE ONLY HOLDING ONTO MY LEGS, SO MY WEIGHT WAS STRAINED AND FELT HEAVIER!

AH, CHIKA-NEE~

YOU ARE!

I am not heavy at all!

REALLY?

AH, YUKINO-CHAN.

YOU'RE BULLYING MAA-KUN, AGAIN. STOP IT~

Who are you calling brutally heavy!?

BUT IF IT'S YOU, CHIKA-NEE, HOLDING YOU IS JUST LIKE HOLDING UP A BRUTAL AMOUNT OF WEIGHT.

THE SAME GOES FOR YOU, YOU RE ALWAYS RIDING ON TOP OF SOMEONE

HOW RUDE OF YOU, SAYING THIS IS BULLYING! I M JUST GETTING HIS HELP!

YUKINO'S FINE BECAUSE YUKINO IS LIGHT.

IN THE PREVIOUS SERIES, MOM HAD BENIYASHA INVADE KAGAMI-SAN'S PLACE EVERY TIME, CAUSING HER TO FEAR HIM.

I HEARD THAT SHE DID THAT TO KEEP AS A TRUMP CARD WHENEVER KAGAMI-SAN WOULD GET IN MOM AND DAD'S WAY.

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AH... I GOT AN IDEA.♡

AH, I HEARD THAT HE'S A WEIRDO WHO APPEARED IN THIS VILLAGE BEFORE.

YUKINO-CHAN, DO YOU KNOW ABOUT BEN-YASHA?

MYSTERIOUS, NOT WEIRD. J

THE ONE WHO KAGAMI-SAN IS AFRAID OF.

YOU SCHEMING SOMETHING?

MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE THE SAME HAPPEN TO YUKINO-CHAN SO I CAN COMMAND HER IN THE SAME WAY.♡

IKUTO D'D SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT, IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY.

THE TRUTH IS, HE APPEARED WHEN WE G'RLS WERE ALL AT TSUKIMITEI*.

TL NOTE: FOR THOSE WHO DON'T REMEMBER READ CHAPTERS 40 TO 42.

YOUR PUNISHMENT WAS WETTING YOUR BED DURING THAT NIGHT!

N- NO THAT ISN'T TRUE!

WEREN'T YOU PUNISHED ONCE ON THAT NIGHT AT TSUKIMITE!!?

What....!?

THEN YUK NO AND THE OTHERS ARE JUST FINE.

BENIYASHA PUNISHES BAD LITTLE KIDS WHO TELL LIES.

WOULDN'T THAT MEAN CHIKA-NEE WILL BE THE ONE PUNISHED?

Hepuh!?

YES.

KUMA-KUMA!

What are you trying to say!?

I FORGOT THAT EXCUSE OF YOURS.

YOU SEE, KUMA-KUMA, IT WAS JUST LIKE I SAID

IF I HAD WET MY BED, MY PANTIES WOULD HAVE BEEN WET,

I SEE NOW. SO THAT "BED-WETTING" WAS ACTUALLY A PRANK BY YOU, CHIKA-NEE.

Wait... What was that for!?

Wha!?

EH...! WE- WELL... AS- AS I'VE SAID BEFORE! YOU CAN'T HIDE ANYTHING FROM ME!

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THE FACT THAT I HAD "WET" MY BED AT TSUKIMITEI IS KNOWN ONLY TO KUMA-KUMA AND I. SO HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT IT, CHIKA-NEE?

GUH...

WELL... ACTUALLY... I SAW IT WITHOUT YOU NO-TICING!

HMM...

KITSU-KITSU CONFESSED THAT SHE HAD SPILLED MY SECRETS TO YOU THAT LAST TIME BEFORE.

I HAVEN'T TOLD ANYONE.

WAIT! THAT'S NOT RIGHT! I HAVE MY OWN ALIBI AND...

CHIKA-NEE IS THE ONLY ONE WHO WOULD EVER ENJOY PLAYING SUCH TRICKS.

COULD IT BE THAT THE DENTITY OF THIS BENIYASHA IS ACTUALLY CHIKA-NEE?

BECAUSE YOUR USUAL ACTS ARE ALWAYS EVIL, DOUBT IS BEING CAST UPON YOU.

OF COURSE, I CAN'T TELL HER THE TRUTH, THAT I HEARD IT FROM BENI-YASHA, MY MOM...

THIS IS NOT GOOD... THIS FLOW IS THE TYPICAL "MISLEAD" IN MYSTERY NOVELS WHICH WOULD MAKE ME A SCAPE-GOAT...

RUNN NG IN SUCH HASTE ONLY MAKES YOU MORE SUS-PICIOUS.

AH...

Then I'll be running away!!

FUH...

I DIDN'T THINK I WOULD BE SUSPECTED OF BEING BEN YASHA...

WHILE SHE WASN'T CORRECT, SHE WAS SO CLOSE TO THE MARK. BEG NNERS ARE RATHER SCARY, AREN'T THEY?

The scenery's upside down

OH, BUT NOW THAT I LOOK AROUND, WE'RE NEAR MEI MEI-SAN'S PLACE.

LET'S GET SOME IDEAS FROM HERE THEN.

I DON'T THINK MEI MEI-SAN WOULD HAVE ANY-THING WORTH CALLING A "MYSTERY CASE".

MEI MEI-SAN IS RATHER KEEN ON THE PRESENCE OF PEOPLE.

THAT'S WHY IT'S BEST IF I INVESTIGATE FROM AFAR.

BUT AREN'T WE A BIT TOO FAR AWAY?

YOU CAN DO THAT, AT LEAST, RIGHT?

UNDERSTOOD

THIS TIME, PLEASE BRING ME UP INTO THAT TREE OVER THERE, MAA-KUN.

IT WOULD BE MORE INTERESTING TO HAVE TOHNO-SAN PUT UP WITH HIM.

BUT AS YOU SAID, MAA-KUN, MEI MEI-SAN IS NOT THE TYPE OF PERSON TO CHASE AFTER BENIYASHA

RATHER, SHE WOULD BE THE FIRST TO RUN AWAY.

A COLD, MAYBE?

I'M GETTING THE CHILLS FOR SOME REASON...?

AT THAT TIME, WE'LL HAVE TOHNO-SAN ANTHROPOMORPHIZE AS SOMETHING.

I WONDER WHAT TO HAVE TOHNO-SAN WEAR IF SHE DOES ANTHROPOMORPHIZE?♡

YES, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THIS TIME YOU DID WELL IN...

IS THIS PLACE OKAY?

I ASKED YOU IF YOU WERE FINE WITH THIS.

Wait a moment! What position are you placing me in!?

I don't want to fall a third time today!! It'll definitely kill me!!

Ukyah!?

Yo, be quiet. Mei Mei-chan will notice us.

Get me down before you go off!!

I'M GETTING TIRED, SO I'M GOING TO GO TAKE A NAP.

Wait! Where are you going!?

WELL, THE PEOPLE AROUND HERE ARE ALWAYS NOISY ANYWAYS.

ISN'T IT NOISY AROUND?

AH...

AREN'T YOU THAT YOUKAI CALLED GEN'JU-NAR...?

YEAH.

THAT'S ME.

BUT THAT ASIDE, COULD IT BE THAT YOU ARE LIKE US?

HUH? LIKE WHAT?

DON'T TRY AND FOOL US!♡ YOU ARE ALSO AN ADMIRER OF MEI ME-CHAN RIGHT?♡

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WOW!!

SO MANY OF YOU WERE HIDDEN HERE!?

IT SEEMS LIKE MEI MEI-SAN HAS SOME KIND OF DEVILISH CHARM.

I HEARD A RUMOR, BEFORE, THAT MEI MEI-SAN WAS SECRETLY POPULAR WITH THE RESIDENTS OF THE FOREST, BUT...

WE KNOW SHE'S KIND OF SHY, SO WE MAKE SURE TO BE ON THE BORDERLINE BEFORE SHE NOTICES US.

WE HIDE LIKE THIS AS WE WATCH OVER MEI MEI-CHAN, WITH OUR LOVE, AS SHE TRIES HER BEST.

OH, IS THAT SO...

SHE'S THE DEVILISH WOMAN WHO GAINS POWER BY KILLING OFF ANYONE WHO GETS IN HER WAY.

BECAUSE OF THE UNEXPECTEDNESS, THIS SOUNDS INTERESTING. ♡

OH, I KNOW. THIS CAN BECOME A GREAT IDEA FOR THIS MYSTERY STORY ♡

FOR EXAMPLE... SHE TAKES ABSOLUTE CONTROL OVER MEN WITH HER BEAUTY, USING THEM CLEVERLY IN THE PALM OF HER HAND.

NO, IT'S JUST THAT I FEEL SOMEONE, SOMEWHERE, IS MAKING EVIL REMARKS ABOUT ME...

WHAT'S WRONG ME ME? YOU'RE STARTING TO LOOK UPSET.

AND IN THE END, SHE WILL THROW AWAY ALL THOSE MEN TO MARRY THE SON OF A WEALTHY FAMILY.♡

OH, SO WHAT KIND OF IDEAS?

Uh... That's...

Eh!? I- I am not! I only thought of some intriguing ideas and laughed to myself about them!

COULD IT BE THAT YOU ARE THINKING OF DOING SOME-THING BAD TO MEI MEI-CHAN?

HEY, YOU. YOU'RE MAKING SOME SLEAZY EXPRES-SIONS.

WHAT'D YOU SAY?

OH, PERFECT TIMING TO COME, LEADER! THERE IS A PERSON HERE THINKING OF RUDE TH NGS AGA NST ME! ME-CHAN!

Le- Leader?

AS I THOUGHT, SHE'S SUS-PICIOUS. LET'S HAVE THE LEADER TAKE IT

DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT CONSE-QUENCES L E IN WAIT FOR THOSE WHO THINK OF DOING BAD TH NGS TO MEI ME-CHAN?

LORD OF THE EAST!? WHY ARE YOU DISGUISED!?

SH- SHUT UP! DON'T SAY ANY MORE!!

Mmm- mmmm- mm!!

COULD IT BE THAT YOU DON'T WANT YOUR WIFE AND THE LORD OF THE WEST TO KNOW...?

N, NO I AM NOT! I AM BENI-KABUTO, THE BROWN BEAR!

YES...

Will Beniyasha appear now!?

OH, IS THAT A NEW BOOK, MIS-TRESS?

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Toohouin Household, Japan...

YES. AS ALWAYS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE...

NOW, PLEASE STAMP HERE.

Something has been delivered...

YEAH. SORRY, BUT CAN I HIDE HERE FOR A WHILE?

RUNNING FROM THE EDITORS AGAIN?

OH, IF IT ISN'T KIYOMASA -SAN.

AH, GOOD MORNING, HIRAGI -SAN.

NOW, THE NEXT IS...

beep beep

DON'T SAY THAT. IT TAKES A LOT OF TIME TO COME UP WITH A GOOD MYSTERY PLOT.

I CAN'T WRITE THEM ONE AFTER AN-OTHER.

It's still mid-day.

WRITE, WRITE

YOU HAVE TO KEEP RELEASING BOOKS FOR THE SAKE OF THE FANS.

YO, KIYO-SAN. BEING A FAMOUS AUTHOR IS A LOT OF TROUBLE, HUH?

YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT.

YOU CAN DO IT IF IT'S FOR YOUR DAUGHTER, RIGHT?

BUT, YOUR BOOK WAS ABLE TO REACH CHIKAGE-CHAN, AND ALL BECAUSE OF IKUTO-CHI.

IF CHIKAGE HAS READ THEM, I'M SURE SHIZUKA MUST HAVE, AS WELL...

AND...

THE MEANING BEHIND THE BOOK.

I'M SURE SHIZUKA WOULD NOTICE RIGHT AWAY...

HAH, I'M FINALLY CLEAN.

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HEY, C'MON, MA-KUN. HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO SLEEP?!!

IT'S A GOOD THING THAT I HAD A SPARE SET OF CLOTHES.

MY CLOTHES ARE STILL SOAKED...

...WITH LORD PANDARO'S DROOL...

OH, IT'S AYANE-SAN.

LAST TIME, NEITHER OF THEM HAD MUCH OF A ROLE.

AYANE-SAN AND MACHI-SAN RARELY SEE BENIYASHA.

TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD, SHE WOULD BE ONE OF THOSE "OP" CHARACTERS WITH ALL THE CHEATS. SHE WOULDN'T REALLY FIT INTO THE MYSTERY GENRE...

WELL, I UNDERSTAND WHY MOM DOESN'T WANT TO RUN INTO MACHI-SAN.

BUT, I THINK I CAN GET SOME IDEAS, IF I USE AYANE-SAN...

SHE ALSO AVOIDED KARAAGE-SAN AND SUZURAN-SAN IN THE PREVIOUS SERIES FOR THE SAME REASON.

...OBVIOUSLY THE "VICTIM".

HMM...

THE FIRST THING THAT COMES TO MIND WHEN CASTING AYANE-SAN IN A SUITABLE ROLE IS...

I THINK SHE WAS THE PERFECT VICTIM DURING THAT TSUKIMITEI EVENT.

The same could be said for Ikuto-san and his nosebleed.

THAT'S WHAT I WOULD CALL: "THE NAKED MURDER IN THE HOT SPRING MIST".

IT REALLY DOES MAKE ME WANT TO PUT HER IN THAT ROLE.

WELL, NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, AYANE-SAN'S DAILY ROUTINE SEEMS TO BE FULL OF UNFORTUNATE EVENTS.

IN REALITY, SHE'S A SCAPEGOAT WHO BECOMES THE FIRST VICTIM TO DIE MID-WAY THROUGH THE STORY.

SHE TENDS TO STAND OUT, SO PEOPLE WOULD USUALLY THINK, "ISN'T SHE SUSPICIOUS?"...

HOWEVER, I SHOULDN'T CAST HER AS A SIMPLE VICTIM, LIKE LAST TIME.

I NEED SOMETHING THAT WOULD SHOW THE DEPTH OF AYANE-SAN'S CHARACTER...

Gofuh!!

Who are ya calling a scapegoat?!!

I WAS LISTENING. IT'S RUDE OF YOU TO TALK BEHIND SOMEONE'S BACK, EVEN IF YOU'RE JUST TALKING TO YOURSELF.

A-Ayane-san?!! W-were you listening to what I was saying?!!

AH, ABOUT THAT, UHH...

BUT, YOU REALLY SAID SOME BAD STUFF ABOUT ME, CALLING ME A "VICTIM" AND A "SUSPICIOUS PERSON" LIKE THAT.

SEEMS LIKE THE TYPE TO DOZE OFF IF YOU LEAVE HIM ALONE FOR A BIT.

TALKING TO MYSELF-

AH, ASLEEP AGAIN.

WHAT ARE YOU SMIRKING ABOUT? IT'S KINDA CREEPING ME OUT.

AH, I'M GLAD...IT SEEMS LIKE SHE DIDN'T NOTICE THAT I'M COLLECTING INFO FOR BENIYASHA.

HUH? EH... AAH, THAT'S RIGHT.

SO, ARE YOU THINKING OF A MYSTERY-BASED PRANK?

I READ BOOKS, YA KNOW.

N-NOTHING...

ANYWAY, I'M QUITE SURPRISED YOU KNOW THE MEANING OF "SCAPEGOAT".

OH, IS THAT SO?

SPEAKING OF WHICH, I READ THE LATEST VOLUME OF THE BENIYASHA SERIES THE OTHER DAY.

AND, IN THE END, THAT SUZU WAS THE ONE TO SOLVE THE CASE...

IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW MUCH YOU KNOW, YOU'RE ST... AN IDIOT IF YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO USE IT.

Grrr...!

IT MAKES SENSE. THAT CHARACTER WAS JUST LIKE YOU...

BENIYASHA ENDS UP KILLING HER, BUT...

...WEREN'T YOU THE MODEL FOR THAT CHARACTER?

Wh-why do you think that!?

THAT ONE SCARDY-CAT, WHO DRAGGED EVERYONE DOWN WITH HER FLIMSY THEORIES...

OH, REALLY ...?

WELL, IF I WERE AT THE CRIME SCENE, I WOULD HAVE CAUGHT BENIYASHA EASILY.

WHAT?

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UFUFUFUFUFU! ♡ IN THAT CASE, I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR BIG ROLE IN THE UPCOMING CASE, AYANE-SAN. ♡

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING AYANE-SAN'S FANTASTIC WORK. ♡

LFUFU FUFU...

I'LL DEFINITELY ASK MOM TO INCLLDE AYANE-SAN IN HER NEXT CASE.

CH KAGE -SAN, YOU'RE SCARING ME...

EITHER ONE IS FINE.

AH, THEN ISN'T IT A GOOD IDEA TO CHANGE OUT OF THIS SHINOBI OUTFIT AND INTO AN INVESTIGATOR'S?

I NEED A PLOT. THIS IS A MYSTERY STORY, IT'S BEST TO BASE THE CASES OFF ACTUAL EVENTS...

NOW THAT I'VE ASSEMBLED ALL THE IMPORTANT CAST MEM-BERS...

LHHM...

WELL, I WAS THINKING OF GIVING A LESSON ON HOW TO AVOID CERTAIN DANGERS NEXT TIME I GO TO SCHOOL...

WHY DO YOU ASK? DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?

HMMMM...

IN THE END, YOU CHANGED CLOTHES.

OH, WHAT IS IT?

AH, THAT'S RIGHT... I DON'T KNOW IF THIS COULD BE CONSIDERED A MYSTERY, BUT STRANGE STUFF DOES HAPPEN FROM TIME TO TIME...

...uHHH...

IS THAT ALL?

EVERY NOW AND THEN, MY UNDERWEAR DISAPPEARS.

AT FIRST, I THOUGHT I WAS DROPPING THEM IN THE RIVER WHILE DOING LAUNDRY, BUT IT KEEPS HAPPENING...

I COME OUT TO CHECK, BUT THERE'S NO ONE THERE.

NO, THERE'S MORE. WHEN I'M IN THE BATH, I FEEL LIKE SOMEONE'S WATCHING ME...

...ANYTH NG ELSE?

AND, WHEN I'M ASLEEP...

Uhyaah ?!!

WHEN DID I ASK YOU TO TELL ME SUCH A STORY?

Eeh?! When did I ever die?!

I WAS WONDERING F IT MIGHT BE MIKOTO'S GHOST HAUNT NG ME.

BUT, WHEN I TURN AROUND, THERE'S STILL NO ONE THERE...

WELL, THERE HAS BEEN SOMETHING ON MY MIND.

OH! ❤ WHAT IS IT?

HUH? ANY INCID-ENTS?

DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING, MIKOTO-SAN?

UNDER-STOOD!

GOT IT.

-AND SHE RAISED THE SIGNAL FOR US TO MEET UP TOMORROW.

A WEEK AGO, MY MOTHER CALLED US TOGETHER...

SO, PLEASE MEET ME HERE TOMORROW MORNING.

WELL, THIS IS SHINOBU WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, SO I'M SURE SHE'LL GET LOST AND ARRIVE IN THE EVENING.

BUT, ISN'T MORNING A BIT TOO EARLY? WOULDN'T MIDDAY BE BETTER?

BUT, WHEN I WENT TO GET SOME WATER IN THE MORNING...

YES, SO SEE YOU TWO TOMORROW, THEN.

I SEE, SO WE HAVE TO BE ON TIME FOR THE MEETING.

What?!

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OOH, YOU'RE LATE, MIKOTO.

I'm not joking! Beefsteak was asleep, so...

You're kidding, right?! You sure it wasn't the morning after?!

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That Shinobu-san, who has no sense of direction, got here on time?! That's enough to freak anyone out!

She was waiting at the meeting spot the whole time.

The truth is—

NAMAGE

NOW, IF IT'S ABOUT INCIDENTS IN THE VILLAGE, OBABA-SAMA MAY BE A GOOD PERSON TO ASK..

MY, IF IT ISN'T CHIKAGE-SAN. HELLO.

OH? SO OBABA-SAMA HASN'T COME HOME YET...

D'OH

I WONDER... WHAT DOES OBABA-SAMA DO ALL YEAR?

I DON'T KNOW. ALL I KNOW S THAT SHE GOES TO THE MOUNTAINS.

I SEE. I NEVER REALLY THOUGHT ABOUT IT, BUT... MAYBE I SHOULD INVESTIGATE THIS A BIT.

DON'T BOTHER. IF OBABA-SAMA DOESN'T SAY ANYTHING...

...SHE PROBABLY HAS A GOOD REASON TO KEEP IT QUIET.

Weren't you talking to me just now?!!

SINCE NO ONE'S HOME, I GUESS WE HAVE TO LOOK SOMEWHERE ELSE...

YOU ALREADY NOTICED ME, DIDN'T YOU?

AND, WHY ARE YOU CALLING ME "HII-SAN"?

OWW... OH, IS THAT HII-SAN I SEE?

THEN HOW ABOUT "NAMA-KOMORI"?

Neither!!

THAT'S CAUSE YOU'RE HII-SAN, THE HIKIKOMORI*.

OR, WOULD YOU PREFER NAMA-SAN, THE NAMAKE*-GIRL?

Don't make the name even longer and worse!

*[illegible] Hikikomori = shut-in
*[illegible] Make = lazy

KUH...

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EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE KNOWN AS THE SMARTEST PERSON ON THE ISLAND... IT'S SAD.

YOU SAY THAT, BUT I'M SURE YOU DON'T EVEN REMEMBER MY NAME.

That's not true at all!!

YOUR PERSON-ALITY IS JUST TOO BORING.

THA-THAT'S CAUSE YOUR EXISTENCE IS TOO SHALLOW FOR SOMEONE LIKE ME TO REMEMBER.

Stup-?!

YOU'RE JUST STUPID IF YOU CAN'T REMEMBER SOMEONE WITH SUCH A BACKGROUND!

I'M A YUKI-ONNA, SO I'M HALF-YOUKAI. PLUS, I'M OBABA-SAMA'S DESCENDANT. ON TOP OF THAT, I'M A DOCTOR!

Wh-why would I even do that?!!

Couldn't it be that you're using your Youkai powers to make your existence shallow?!

IT WOULD BE THE PERFECT REASON TO BE LAZY.

WELL, THAT IS STRANGE ...

Hey, don't tell her!

It's still there.

ANY INCIDENTS OR MYSTERIES?

JUST NOW, RAN HAD AN ABALONE* STUCK TO HER BUTT, AND SHE FREAKED OUT CAUSE IT WOULDN'T COME OFF.

*Note An abalone is sorta like a big snail
->http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abalone

AAH...

SO YOU SAY.

We're short handed, yknow

RIN AND MAKOTO ARE OFF TODAY, SO EVERYTHING'S PEACEFUL.

THIS CARROT IS ALSO WEIRD!

LOOK AT THIS... IT'S A RADISH SHAPED LIKE A WEIRD PERSON!

I SEE ...

WHY DON'T YOU MAKE HIM INTO A FISH PRINT, THEN?

HOW RUDE, CALLING ME STRANGE... I'M A MERMAN, YA KNOW?

For some reason, he likes me

THIS GROSS FISH WON'T GET OUT OF THE BOAT, SO I CAN'T FISH...

"SNARE OF THE LOVE TRIANGLE", "PUNISHMENT FOR BAD CHILDREN", "THE EVIL MISTRESS AND HER SERVANTS"...

...."THE NAKED MURDER IN THE HOT SPRING MIST", "THE GHOST OF THE SAW-TOOTHED TURTLE", "THE WOMAN WHO STANDS AT DAWN", "THE MYSTERIOUS VILLAGER"...

..AND A FEW OTHERS...

YOU'RE RIGHT. I ALSO GOT PLENTY OF IDEAS.

LET'S SEE..

CHIKAGE -SAN-, I'M GETTING HUNGRY... LET'S GO HOME.

WELL, IT'S MOM'S JOB TO PUT IT ALL TOGETHER.

...I JUST NOTICED, BUT THESE IDEAS ARE ALL OVER THE PLACE...

WELL, I WORKED HARD AND I GOT SOME GOOD IDEAS.

I'M HOME.

WELCOME BACK, CHI-CHAN.

OH, THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK.

Ehh?! Why?!!

BUT, I'M AFRAID I WON'T NEED THEM ANYMORE.

YUP, THAT'S R.GHT...

EH .?

YOU MEAN ...?

Oh, fantastic!

I've finally got some ideas for the next full moon!

AREN'T YOU A BIT TOO EXCITED?

Fufufu... The next full moon is going to be an exciting one!!

BY READING CAREFULLY, TAKA-SAN ALSO NOTICED THAT THE AUTHOR, "SHIMIZU SEIMARU", WAS KIYO-SAN.

HMMM...

REALLY? I READ IT A FEW TIMES, AND GOT IT RIGHT AWAY.

HMM... YEAH, I DON'T UNDERSTAND ANY OF THIS, NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I READ IT.

This code that concerns us is...?!

I MADE IT A SIMPLE CODE, SO SOME OF AIRANTOU'S RESIDENTS WILL FIGURE IT OUT RIGHT AWAY.

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CHAPTER 142: "GATHERING AND SOLVING"

AYANE~

FOR HER TO BE HUNGRY...?!

I'M HUNGRY. IS LUNCH READY?

HM? SHE'S NOT HERE?

AH...

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HM?

A LET-TER?

SLEEPING DURING THE DAY, HUH...

THIS IS...

BENI-YASHA...? WHY DOES...?

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CHAPTER 142: "GATHERING AND SOLVING"

IT'S A FULL MOON TO-NIGHT...

THE TIME HAS FINALLY COME.

YES.

AND...

WE'VE RECEIVED A CHALLENGE FROM BENIYASHA.

WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT THAT HE WOULD APPEAR THREE MONTHS IN A ROW?

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THERE MUST BE A REASON FOR THIS.

LETTER DELIV-ERY.

BUT, THIS TIME, ONLY THOSE WHO HAVE RECE-IVED THE LETTER ARE PARTIC.PAT-ING...

DON'T TELL ME...

IT SEEMS LIKE EVERY-ONE HERE IS A READER OF THE BEN YASHA SERIES.

IF YOU'RE SAYING IT, IKUTO-SAN, IT MIGHT BE TRUE...

AMONG TH.S GROUP, BEN.YASHA IS ALREADY D.SGU.SED AND...?

Uwa-ah?!

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IKUTO-SAMA! ♡

YEP. I WAS THE ONLY ONE INVITED. MISAKI SHOULD BE TUTORING SUZU RIGHT NOW.

OH? ARE SUZU AND MISAKI NOT WITH YOU TONIGHT?

YEAH. THE TRUTH IS, I'VE BECOME AN AVID READER OF THE BENIYASHA SERIES.

even slept all day so could stay up tonight

YOU SURPRISED ME... DID YOU ALSO RECEIVE AN INVITATION, AYANE?

IKUTO-SAN IS AS THICK-HEADED AS USUAL, TOO.

HUH? WHAT'S?

AS USUAL, HER THOUGHTS ARE SO EASY TO READ.

THANK YOU, BENIYASHA!! SEEING AS THE BIGGEST HINDRANCE OF MY LOVE PLAN IS NOT HERE... IKUTO-SAMA IS ALL MINE TONIGHT. ♡

Wait a minute, Ikuto-sama! Don't just say it's impossible!!

OH, THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE.

You are the punchline of our jokes you know

AYANE-SAN SAID THE OTHER DAY THAT SHE WOULD CATCH BENIYASHA ALL BY HERSELF.

THAT WOULD BE NICE, IF ONLY IT WERE TRUE.

AH, CHIKAGE. IT MAY BE TOO EARLY TO SAY THIS, BUT THE TIME HAS COME FOR ME TO SHOW YOU MY GREAT SKILLS!

WHAT ARE YOU TWO TALKING ABOUT?

I've already raised a death flag?!

What do you mean you were joking?!

YOU'RE QUITE COR-RECT.

NOW, PUTTING ALL THE JOKES AIMED AT AYANE ASIDE... THE .NVITAT ONS TH.S T.ME HAD THE TIME AND PLACE TO MEET, BUT NO H NTS OR CLUES.

THAT'S STRANGE. IN MY LETTER, I DEFINITELY HAVE SOME-THING THAT LOOKS LIKE A CODE...?

WAIT...? ONLY THE TIME AND PLACE?

SINCE IT'S LIKE THIS, I'LL JUST KEEP IT A SECRET AND TAKE THE LEAD IN BE-COMING THIS MYSTERY'S LEAD ROLE. ♡

FU FU... I THINK DEAR BENIYASHA ACCIDENTALLY MISWROTE THIS CODE INTO MY LETTER. ♡

HUH?

SOME-THING SHINY IS COMING ...?

EVEN THOUGH I JUST SAID THAT..I DON'T UN-DERSTAND A SINGLE THING THIS CODE SAYS...

Eep?!

It's a spear!!

Hey, wait. Give me back my hakama!!

What's written in it?!

There's a letter atta-ched!

Is it from Beniya-sha?!

A hunt for items?!

FIRST, I WILL HAVE YOU ALL GO ON AN EXHILARATING HUNT FOR ITEMS.

OH, DETECTIVES WHO HAVE GATHERED THIS MOONLIT SKY, LET US ENJOY ANOTHER NIGHT OF GAMES.

ONCE YOU GATHER THEM ALL, THEY'LL PROVIDE YOU WITH A CODE TO REVEAL MY TRUE GOAL FOR TONIGHT.

I HAVE HIDDEN SIX SCROLLS IN THE WESTERN VILLAGE EACH INSCRIBED WITH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: ADMIN (司), DOCTOR (医), SHINOBI (忍), EMPLOY (時), SHRINE MAIDEN (巫) AND LITTLE (少).

SEEMS LIKE A PHYSICALLY CHALLENGING EVENT THIS TIME.

REALLY, BENIYASHA IS A VICIOUS AND SLEAZY ONE, AS USUAL.

THOSE WHO ARE CAUGHT IN THOSE TRAPS WILL BE CONSIDERED "VICTIMS" AND BE ELIMINATED.

I APOLOGIZE FOR MY MOTHER'S GAMES...

What?!

BUT BE WARNED... AMONG THESE SCROLLS ARE FAKE SCROLLS, EMBEDDED WITH TRAPS, SO PAY CLOSE ATTENTION.

NOW, I BID YOU ALL FARE-WELL.

THAT'S ALL IT SAYS.

I SEE NOW...

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE READ ALL OF SEI-MARU'S NOVELS, YOU SHOULD HAVE NO TROUBLE FIND-NG THE R GHT SCROLLS AMONG THE FAKES...

OKAY THEN, ONCE YOU HAVE THE REAL SCROLL, GATHER AT THE HEART OF THE V.LLAGE... WE'LL MEET AT THE WE..

Got it -dego- zaru!

Yes!

Well then, let's go and get him, ya rascals!

IT'S JUST US AND SOME ANIMALS SO "RASCALS" IS A BIT. .?

THEN, IT'S PROBABLY BEST IF WE SPLIT UP AND SEARCH IN GROUPS INSTEAD.

YOU'RE RIGHT.

BUT, IF WE HAVE TO SEARCH THROUGHOUT THE ENT RE VILLAGE FOR THESE SCROLLS, IT WOULD TAKE TILL MORNING TO F.ND THEM..

OH... ♡

Messenger Flying Squirrel, Mukku

NOW, WHERE SHOULD WE START SEARCH-ING?

YEAH, YEAH... ♡

I THINK WE SHOULD START FROM SUZU-SAN'S PLACE, FIRST.

I THINK SO, TOO.

DAMMIT, EVEN THOUGH I THOUGHT I WOULD F'NAL-LY HAVE MY ALONE T.ME WITH IKUTO-SAMA...

WHAT'S WRONG?

WELL, CALM DOWN.

What did you say?!

AYANE-SAN, THE FACT THAT YOU DON'T KNOW SHOWS HOW MUCH OF A WANNABE FAN YOU ARE...

WELL, I UNDERSTOOD THAT MUCH, AT THE VERY LEAST...

EH?

BY THE WAY, HOW DO YOU TWO ALREADY KNOW THAT SUZU'S PLACE HAS ONE OF THE SCROLLS?

DIDN'T BENIYASHA WRITE IN HIS LETTER THAT THOSE WHO HAVE READ THE NOVELS WOULD KNOW?

THAT MEANS THE HINTS LIE WITHIN THE NOVELS WRITTEN BY SEIMARU.

AND AMONG THEM, SIX OF THEM TAKE PLACE W TH N THE WESTERN VILLAGE.

AMONG THE NOVELS, SEVEN OF THEM ARE FROM THE OLD SERIES, TWO FROM THE NEW, TOGETHER MAK NG N NE.

LET'S SEE, I BELIEVE THE S.X SCROLLS WERE "ADMIN", "DOCTOR", "SH NOB", "EMPLOY" "SHRINE MAIDEN" AND "LITTLE", RIGHT?

AND, THE IMPORTANT FACTS ARE THAT THE SCROLLS ARE HIDDEN IN THE WESTERN V LLAGE AND HOW MANY THERE ARE, ALONG WITH WHAT IS WRIT-TEN ON THEM.

OH, YOUR MEMORY IS SPOT ON.

AH..

AND THE WORDS WR TTEN ON THE SCROLLS ARE TAKEN FROM THE SUBTITLES OF THOSE SIX NOVELS.

I SEE NOW. THAT'S WHAT IT MEANT...

MURDER WITHIN THE LABYRINTH? -THE AGONY OF THE LIBRARIAN DETECTIVE!-

MURDER OF THE ELDER ON THE HILL? -THE BEAUTY DOCTOR SAW IT!-

MURDER WITHIN THE SOUTHERN RUINS? -THE CHASE AFTER THE [illegible]

MURDER AT THE NINJA HOUSE? -THE PAINTED PUPPET DOLL?-

MURDER ON THE MOUNTAIN VIEWING OPEN AIR BATH? -THE REAL MURDERER WHO DISAPPEARED INTO THE HOT SPRING MIST?-

MURDER UNDER THE WEST'S GRAND CATALPA TREE? -THE WORKER WHO WAS HUNGUPSIDE DOWN?!-

MURDER AT THE KAIRYUU SHRINE? THE PRAYER OF THE SHRINE MAIDEN DOES NOT REACH?

THE TSUKIHITE MURDER? THE RESENTMENT OF THE BEAUTIES?!

NISHINO VILLAGE MURDER? THE BEAUTIFUL MAD DETECTIVE?

GEH! I- I JUST THOUGHT A BIT TOO HARD, SINCE THE CODE WAS TOO EASY!

Even that Shinobu-san knew right away and started climbing the Big Camphor tree

EVERYONE ELSE KNEW THAT EVER SINCE WE SPLIT UP.

YEP.

THEREFORE, THE SETTINGS OF THOSE NOVELS ARE WHERE THE SCROLLS ARE.

THIS FEELS LIKE DÉJÀ VU...

NO. AS I SAID, THE RIDDLE IS TELLING US TO GO TO THE HOME OF THE "BEAUTIFUL MAID DETECTIVE".

IN OTHER WORDS, SUZU'S HOUSE.

HUH? BUT, WASN'T THE SETTING FOR THE LATEST NOVEL IN THE VILLAGE ITSELF...?

YOU THINK SO? EVEN I, A PENGUIN, THINK THAT SUZU-SAN IS A COMPLETE BEAUTY.

REALLY? I'M JUST NOT PLEASED BY THE FACT THAT SUZU WAS GIVEN THE TITLE OF "BEAUTIFUL".

Bea-
Beauty
...?!

AYANE IS ALSO A BEAUTY, SO IF YOU DO WELL IN THIS CASE, MAYBE IT'LL BE SUBTITLED "BEAUTIFUL SHRINE MAIDEN DETECTIVE".

YES.
THE HINTS GIVEN ARE RATHER BLUNT.

THE RIDDLE THIS TIME IS A BIT TOO SIMPLE, IN MY OPINION.

HM... YOU THINK SO, TOO?

Hi. The first time someone has called me ^ ^ ^

BUT, ONE THING FEELS OFF...

THIS IS BEN.-YASHA WE'RE TALKING ABOUT...

BUT, LAST TIME WE OVER-THOUGHT IT AND FAILED MISERABLY, SO...

Ow Ow Ow!! Don't drop them on me!!

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THERE IS A BUNCH OF THEM -DEGO-ZARUYO.

YES... THERE ARE SCROLLS AS YOU SAID -DEGO-ZARU-GA...

HM? IS SOME-THING WRONG?

HOW IS IT? ANY SCROLLS UP THERE?

Cousin Team

MOM?

WHEN DID MOM HAVE THE TIME TO GET THIS MANY SCROLLS...?

N-NO. I WAS JUST TALK-ING TO MYSELF.

EMPLOY

I-I know that al-ready -dego-jaru!

IF YOU KNOW THAT, THEN MAKE SURE YOU DON'T THINK OF OPENING THEM UP.

IT'S OBVIOUS THIS ONE IS THE REAL ONE, AND THE REST ARE FAKE -DEGOZA-RUNA.

THE REAL CHALLENGE IS FINDING OUT WHICH ONE IS THE RIGHT ONE -DEGOZA-RUKA.

EMPLOY

JUST WHEN I THOUGHT THESE WERE EASY TO FIND...

Attractive Older Woman Team ~Western House~

HMMM...

ALL OF THEM LOOK EXACTLY THE SAME..

WHA?

would you like some tea

WHO ARE YOU CALLING AN OLDER WOMAN?

FROM WHAT BENIYASHA HAD WRITTEN, THE WAY TO FIND OUT WHICH ONE IS THE REAL ONE IS ALSO HIDDEN IN THE TITLES...

THE SAME HERE.

T/N NOTE: SCROLLS SAY "ADMIN".

GOOD EVENING, BAKE-BAKE.

IF ONLY WE KNEW HOW TO SOLVE THIS RIDDLE, THEN...

Bake. ♡

SINCE WE'RE DONE FOR AS MINOR CHARACTERS ANYWAY, SHOULD WE JUST OPEN THEM?

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Supporting Role Team -Obaba's Place-

SUPPORTING ROLE...?

BUT THERE ARE TOO MANY SCROLLS, SO OUR CHANCES OF GETTING THE RIGHT ONE IS PRECIPITOUSLY LOW.

WELL, WE DON'T HAVE TIME, SO LET'S JUST GET IN AND SEARCH.

SEEMS LIKE THEY'RE TAKING A BATH.

HUH? NO ONE'S HERE.

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AH, YEAH.

HM!

...DON'T TELL ME...!!

SAME HERE.

NOPE, NOTHING AT ALL.

NOTHING HERE. HOW'S IT OVER THERE?

Kyaa-ahh?!

Wa-wait!!

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We're intrud-ing!

WHA? DIDN'T YOU GO TO CATCH BENIYA-SHA?

Pu?

N-NO. BENIYASHA MIGHT HAVE HIDDEN A SCROLL HERE SO WE'RE...

My heart isn't ready.

Ple-please, Onii-chan. Why the surprise?!

AH, YES. THANKS FOR THE HELP.

THEN, CAN I HELP YOU WITH THE SEARCH? A SCROLL, WAS IT?

Pu~

You should go in!

WE LEAVE THE WATER TO YOU.

IKUTO-SAMA, SEARCH! WE NEED TO FIND IT QUICK-LY.

Even though you're a penguin you're afraid of the cold and water

AH, HOT! THE WATER IS A BIT HOT ON MY FACE.

Pu~

Beni-yasha, you jerk!!

Oh, we've been had

HEY, IKUTO-KUN. THERE WAS THIS BAG OF SCROLLS LEFT IN FRONT OF MY HOUSE. IT SAID ON A LETTER ATTACHED, "BRING IT INTO SUZU'S HOUSE F THINGS SEEM TO GET ROWDY."

FU FU FU FU FU...

BEFORE THAT, YOU SHOULD STOP YOUR NOSE-BLEED.

God damn! So the villain here has gotten info on us detect-ives, huh?!!

SEEMS LIKE BENIYASHA KNOWS OUR EXACT MOVE-MENTS AND PACING.

SEEMS LIKE THIS SIDE HAS ALSO STARTED MOVING...

OH...

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...AND YET...

THERE ARE STILL SO MANY SCROLLS...

AND, IF WE DON'T OPEN THE RIGHT ONE, A TRAP WILL ACTIVATE, RIGHT?

AND WE'LL GET DISQUALIFIED.

EVEN AFTER TAKING A CLOSER LOOK, THEY STILL LOOK THE SAME...

AND NONE OF THE COLORS OR LETTERS SEEM OFF.

HUH?

BUT, THERE MUST BE A WAY TO FIND OUT WHICH S THE REAL ONE WITH-OUT OPEN-NG THEM...

PU~

WHAT'S WRONG, SUZU?

HMM...?

Wha-aa?!

COULD IT BE THIS ONE?

Tonight is a full moon...and something is in motion...

Chapter 143:
All the actors have gathered.

IF YOU'RE THAT WORRIED, COME CLOSER AND SEE FOR YOURSELF.

Could it be some kind of remedy?!

Wait, didn't some smoke come out?!

A-are you okay, Suzu?!

COULD IT BE ..?

BUT, WHY WERE THEY IN THERE ..?

IT MUST HAVE BEEN THE FLOUR SO THAT THE MAMEDAIFUKU WOULDN'T STICK TO THE PAPER.

WHAT?

I'M ALRIGHT. THERE WERE JUST SOME MAMEDAIFUKU INSIDE.

T/L Note Daifuku is a pastry that consists of a rice cake and different bean paste fillings. For more, visit en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Daifuku

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NYA?

SOMETHING MAY BE IN THE MAMEDAIFUKU... AND YOU'RE ALREADY EATING THEM!!

And you even ate them all!

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HUH?

EVEN SO, THIS MAMEDAIFUKU IS JUST SUPER DELICIOUS~

DIDN'T I TELL YOU THAT THESE SCROLLS COULD BE A TRAP SET UP BY BENIYASHA?!

THERE MIGHT BE SOME KIND OF WEIRD DRUG IN THEM. LIKE A SLEEPING PILL OR A LAUGHING DRUG OR MAYBE EVEN A SUPER-ERO DRUG.

SUPER ERO?

I WENT THROUGH HELL WITH THE TCHING POWDER...

BUT, IF THAT'S TRUE...

WHY WAS THERE A MAMEDA-FUKU IN THE SCROLL?

SEEMS LIKE IT IS...

IF THAT'S THE CASE.

IS THIS THE RIGHT SCROLL?

WHAT ARE YOU SAY-NG?

Oh, I get it, too! It's also a hint to the person who can tell the real one from the fakes, right?!

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JNYA?

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AH, I GET IT! THE WORDS ON THE SCROLL MEAN MORE THAN WE THOUGHT

THE WORD "SMALL" WASN'T ONLY A HINT TO WHERE THE SCROLLS WOULD BE...

EXACT-LY.

OH, SO THE WORD ON THE SCROLLS IS ALSO ABOUT THE ONLY PERSON WHO IS CAPABLE OF FINDING OUT WHICH SCROLL IS WHICH?

You really like them

That part was so good ♥

LOOK, SUZU WOULD BE THE ONLY PERSON HERE WHO WOULD BE ABLE TO TELL THERE WAS A MAMEDA-FUKU IN THE SCROLLS.

I DON'T GET IT MUCH, BUT I FEEL EMBAR-RASSED.

AS EXPECTED OF THE MAMEDA-FUKU MON-STER

W TH YOUR HELP, WE FIGURED OUT A BIG CLUE.

WELL, SEEING AS THINGS ARE DONE HERE, THANKS, SUZU. YOU DID WELL.

AND, THEY'RE LEAVING...

AH, WA T FOR ME!

WELL, WE SHOULD TELL EVERYONE ABOUT THIS RIGHT AWAY.

SO THAT MEANS "EMPLOY" IS FOR CRAFTSMAN AND "DOCTOR" IS FOR A DOCTOR, AND WE JUST HAVE TO LET THE PEOPLE WITH THOSE TITLES TAKE CARE OF IT

THEY'RE ALL RIGGED WITH TRAPS, RIGHT?

UHH... I WISH THEY HAD LEFT AFTER TAKING CARE OF THIS MOUNTAIN OF SCROLLS.

MUKKU! JUST IN TIME!

AH, IKUTO-KUN!

WELL, WE SHOULD HEAD TO THE OTHER TWO PLACES.

I WAS JUST GOING TO TELL EVERYONE ELSE THE SAME THING.

HMPH. SEEMS LIKE CHIKAGE FIGURED IT OUT FIRST.

WHAT?

GOT A MESSAGE FOR YOU. CHIKAGE-SAN SAYS THAT YOU SHOULD HAVE THE PEOPLE WHO HAS THE SAME TITLE SCRIPTED ON THE SCROLLS TAKE CARE OF THE SCROLLS THEMSELVES.

IT MIGHT BE BEST TO DO SO.

NAÏVE... SO NAÏVE...

FU FU FU...

Obaba's place.

WHAT ARE YOU ASKING, WAKING ME FROM MY SLUMBER? ASK'NG ME TO DO SOMETH NG SO BOTHERSOME...

SO, WHICH S IT?

YOU SHOULD KNOW, S.NCE YOU'RE A "DOCTOR".

YOU JUST L KE TO SLEEP, L DON'T YA. .

OOH!

HN? THIS SCROLL SEEMS TO SMELL OF SOME KIND OF HERB.

Uwah?!

Hah?!

JFJFL.

PRAISE ME ALL YOU WANT.

AS EXPECTED OF A DOCTOR. WE COULDN'T EVEN TELL THERE WAS ANY KIND OF SCENT!

DON'T GET UP AND OVER YOUR HEAD DO

IS OBABA-SAMA REALLY LETTING YOU BE A DOCTOR?

HUH? THIS SCROLL AND THIS SCROLL, TOO, SMELL OF HERBS ?

Thi-This is laughing medicine?!

UHYA-HYA-HYA!

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YEAH.

THAT'S WHAT I BE-LEVE IS RIGHT.

OH, SO THAT'S T. THAT MEANS I SHOULD TAKE CARE OF THE SCROLL CHIKAGE-CHI FOUND...

AND CHIKAGE-CHI TAKES CARE OF THE SCROLL FOUND HERE.

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JUST IN CASE, WE'LL OPEN THEM AND...

What?!

HMM..COULD IT BE THIS? THE CENTER-PIECE LOOKS A BIT THINNER THAN THE OTHERS, I THINK.

THIS IS IT!

THIS SCROLL IS A BIT THICKER THAN THE OTHERS!

Kairyoo Shrine.

HEY~! IKUTO-KUN!

ZI~I

DON'T MAKE FUN OF ME! THIS IS EASY!

CAN YOU CLIMB THE STAIRS, PEN PEN-KUN?

AH, MUKKUN, WHAT'S WRONG?

I'LL LEAVE YOU TWO BEHIND IF YOU KEEP TALKING. .

Why?!

YEAH THREE PEOPLE WERE ELIMINATED.

Eh?! All of them were wrong?! Chikage-san, Risa-san, and even the doctor... Michiru-san didn't get it right?!

FU FU FU...

YOU SHOULD THINK A BIT MORE BEFORE YOU MOVE...

WELL, BUT I DON'T THINK HE WOULD CREATE SOMETHING THAT WE JUST FIND SOMETHING BY CHANCE,

RIGHT?

THEN, DOES THAT MEAN THAT WE FOUND THE LAST ONE ONLY BECAUSE BENYASHA HAD UNDERESTIMATED SUZU'S GREAT SENSE OF SMELL FOR MAME-DAIFUKU?

AH, SHE MUST HAVE GONE AHEAD.

ISN'T SHE RUSHING TOO MUCH?

HUH? WHERE'S AYANE?

OH? SHE WAS BEHIND US?

I THOUGHT SHE...

Why?!

Wait?! She's taller?!

THIS MUST BE BENIYASHA'S DISGUISE... BUT ISN'T THIS DISGUISE TOO OBVIOUS?

EH? TALLER? WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

AND SHE'S ALSO BECOME TOO BEAUTIFUL...

WELL, THAT DOESN'T MATTER, IF HE CHOSE TO APPEAR BEFORE US...

BENIYASHA? THAT WOMAN, STILL DOING SUCH FOOLERY EVEN NOW.

HMPH.

I'll take you down, here and now!

AH...!

What?!

Hup!!

HEH. CHALLENGING ME OF ALL PEOPLE..

IKUTO-SAN, THAT PERSON IS-

Heh?!

I'LL ADMIT THAT YOU ARE BRAVE TO ATTACK ME WITHOUT FEAR NG THAT I'M STRONG-ER THAN YOu. .

Waaah!!

Ikuto-san!!

Yaah!!

BUT, YOU ST LL LACK TRA NING.

Hey, what are you guys doing, still hanging around here?!

COULD IT BE, THAT GUY IS...? SO HE'S THE ONE FROM THE RUMORS I'VE HEARD...

HUH?

YOU'RE WRONG, TH S PERSON IS...

DAMMIT, BENIYASHA IS REALLY STRONG...

AH.

COME ON. STOP WASTING TIME. I'VE ALREADY FOUND THE SCROLLS AND-

I'M THE NEW RES DENT, TOUHOU N IKUTO. NICE TO MEET YOU. .

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE'VE MET. I AM KIKYOU, AYANE AND MACHI'S GRAND-MOTHER.

TOUHOUIN.. I SEE.

YES, SHE'S KIKYOU-SAMA. THE YOUKA. EXPERT OF THE PREVI-OUS GEN-ERATION.

Eh?! O-Obaa-sama?!

Obaa-sama?! Why are you here in the West Village?

WHY, YOU ASK? Y'ALL SENT ME A LETTER AND ASKED ME TO COME.

URGH . BECAUSE YOU'RE LIKE THIS WHEN YOU COME BACK, I.

WELL WHEN T COMES TO SPELL CASTERS, THE BETTER THEY ARE, THE LESS THEY AGE.

I WOULD TH:NK MY LAZY DAUGHTER, CH:ZURU, W:LL EVENTUALLY LOOK OLDER THAN ME.

ANYWAY.. ARE YOU REALLY AYA-NE'S GRAND-MOTHER...?

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO SAY THAT YOU'RE ACTUALLY CHIZURU-SAN'S SISTER...?

OW!

BUT WHY DID YOU COME BACK TODAY ALL OF SUDDEN?

YOU STILL HAVE A MONTH LEFT.

WHO ARE YOU CALL NG OLD? CALL IT THE "HOT SPRING ASSOC:A-TION".

"ALL OF US"?

SHE'S TALKING ABOUT THE "OLD PEOPLE ASSEMBLY" PEOPLE GATHERED BECAUSE THEY ARE OLD AND RETIRED.

THEY TAKE HALF OF THE YEAR VISIT NG HOT SPRINGS AROUND THE SLAND.

WELL, IT'S RARE TO SEE THAT A MAN WASHED UP.

ALL OF US WERE TH NK NG OF COMING BACK AND MEETING YOU SOON.

BUT, WE DON'T RECALL SENDING ONE OUT, YOU KNOW?

AS I SAID BEFORE, SOMEONE SENT A LETTER, CALLING ME BACK.

RATHER, IT SEEMS LIKE YOU KNOW BENIYASHA QUITE WELL, KIKYOU-SAN.

I SEE. BUT, IS THERE A REASON FOR HIM TO DO THAT?

HMM, IT SEEMS LIKE BENIYASHA WAS THE ONE WHO SENT THIS IN ORDER FOR ME TO COME BACK TO THE VILLAGE, BASED ON WHAT YOU ARE SAYING.

...!
I SEE IT NOW! SO THAT'S WHY!

OH, SO THAT'S THE STORY.

WELL OF COURSE. I WAS THE MODEL FOR THE SHRINE MAIDEN WHO APPEARED IN THE 7TH BOOK. IN THE END THOUGH, I LET HIM RUN OFF...

WHAT WAS MISSING?

YES, I HAVE. THERE WAS ONE CRITICAL PIECE MISSING FROM OUR PREVIOUS DEDUCTION.

DO YOU GET SOME-THING, PEN PEN?

THEN, WE'LL LEAVE THESE SCROLLS TO YOU, OBAA-SAMA.

OH, NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...

THAT MAKES SENSE. THAT'S WHY MOTHER WAS CALLED IN WITH A FAKE LETTER.

I WAS THINKING, COULD IT BE THAT WE'RE SUPPOSED TO ASK THE PEOPLE WHO WERE THE MODELS OF THOSE SUB-TITLES?

AH. ! SO, THAT'S WHY EV-ERYONE OTHER THAN SUZU FAILED.

IT'S NOT ABOUT THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE SAME TITLE AS INSCRIBED ON THE SCROLL.

EH?

SOMEONE ELSE WAS CALLED IN BY A LETTER, JUST LIKE ME.

WE CAN'T REALLY RELY ON YOU, CAN WE?

BUT, SHE'S THE ONLY "DOCTOR" RIGHT NOW...

DOESN'T THAT MEAN ALL OF THEM HAVE HERBS IN THEM?

HMM? HUH? THIS AND THIS TOO SMELL OF HERBS...?

Geh! Younger Baba-sama!!

BUT THIS ALONE HAS ITS HERBS ARRANGED IN THE OPPOSITE MANNER...

THE REMEDY PLACED INTO ALL THE SCROLLS ARE ARRANGED IN A CERTAIN WAY...

EH?

THIS ONE...

Uoh!

YOU LOOK SO YOUNG AND BEAUTIFUL, AS ALWAYS!

Must be the herbs

Here, take this

YES.

Wow! It's Kin-sama! You've returned?!

ALTHOUGH SHE'S ABSENT-MINDED AND SPEAKS SO LITTLE, SHE HAS SO MUCH PRESENCE...

AND I THOUGHT IT WAS MY CHANCE TO STAND OUT, WITH OBABA-SAMA OUT OF THE HOUSE...

THIS IS WHY I REALLY DISLIKE THE YOUNGER BABA-SAMA...

DO YOU KNOW THE SAYING, "THE GOD OF LUCK HAS NOTHING BUT HAIR IN FRONT OF HER EYES"*?

TL NOTE: THIS IS A JAPANESE SAYING, LITERALLY MEANING, THE GOD OF CHANCE IS "BLIND"

I'M A DOCTOR TOO, YOU KNOW...

OBABA-SAMA HASN'T COME BACK YET, SO WE WERE ALL WORRIED THAT THERE WASN'T A DOCTOR AROUND.

We've been more careful about hurting ourselves

THEY AREN'T LISTENING TO YOU -DO.

Eh?! Did something bad happen to Obaba-sama?!

COULD IT BE SHE HAS FINALLY ?

I SEE .. SO THE GREAT BABA-SAMA* HASN'T COME HOME, JUST AS THE LETTER SAID...

Eeh?!

YAY. ♥

ANYWHO, I'LL STAY IN THE VILLAGE UNTIL GREAT BABA-SAMA COMES BACK.

NO, I DIDN'T MEAN IT IN THAT WAY...

WELL, I'M SURE EVEN IF YOU WERE TO TRY KILLING HER, SHE WOULDN'T DIE.

TL NOTE: AS NOTICED, THERE IS NOW A "SMALL" BABA-SAMA AMONG THE CAST, AND BEFORE MOST CHARACTERS DIDN'T MAKE THAT DIFFERENCE WHEN REFERRING "OBABA-SAMA" OBABA-SAMA WILL STAY FOR MOST OF THE CAST, BUT KIN WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE THE DIFFERENT CALLS OF "GREATER BABA-SAMA" AND ALSO BE CALLED "YOUNGER BABA-SAMA"

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Eh?! The person who was the model?!!

IT SEEMS LIKE CHIKAGE-DONO'S DEDUCTION WAS INCOMPLETE -DEGOZARUNA.

I THOUGHT THAT WAS THE CASE.

URGH...

THEN, THAT MEANS I HAVE TO TAKE THIS TO MY MUM... OH, THE PAIN...

OH, SO RITSU-DONO WAS THE VICTIMIZED "CRAFTSMAN" -GOZARUD-ATTAKA... SHE MUST BE REALLY INFURIATED -DEGOZA-RUNA...

MOM, YOU REALLY ARE MER-CILESS...

HMM... WASN'T CHIKAGE-DO-NO'S FATHER THE MODEL FOR THE LIBRARIAN DETECTIVE?

AH...

NO... WHILE SHE ISN'T A DETEC-TIVE, THERE WAS ONE MORE LIBRARIAN WHO APPEARED IN THAT BOOK.

AH, SO IT WAS HER, WHEN SHE...

I SEE.

HUH?

WHO IS IT -DEGO-ZARUKA?

I'm alright! I won't go in today!

MOM? THE BATH IS READY. ARE YOU COMING IN?

Yukino's house.

I don't care who does it, but someone, catch that guy!

MMM-NN...

WELL, THANKS TO THAT, EVERY-THING S ALL QUIET AND PEACEFUL.

SHE ALSO ATE HER D NNER ,N THERE.

SHE'S BEEN SHUTT.NG HER-SELF IN THAT CLOSET EVER S.NCE SHE WENT TO PEN PEN S PLACE, WHEN SHE FOUND OUT ABOUT HOW THAT BEN - YASHA HAS SENT THE LETTER NVITES AROUND.

I DIDN'T HEAR ANY-THING. I DIDN'T HEAR ANYTHING AT ALL...!

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Ah?! So- some- one's come?!

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JUST GO HOME. GO HOME!

THEN, WE'LL JUST HAVE TO WAT FOR A WHILE.

SEEMS LIKE THEY ARE ALL TAK'NG A BATH.

HUH? WHERE IS EVERY -ONE?

FU FU FU... SUCH A SCAREDY-CAT AS USUAL...

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HUH?!

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WHERE COULD YOU BE, BENIYA-SHA...?

OH, WHERE ARE YOU...?

SEEMS LIKE ALL THE PLAY-ERS HAVE ARRIVED...

FU FU FU...

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I SEE, MOTHER! SO THAT IS THE CORRECT SCROLL -DEGO- ZARUKA!

YES. IF YOU FEEL AROUND ENOUGH, YOU CAN FEEL THE HIDDEN LETTERS.

NO MATTER WHAT YOU SAY, I CAN'T FEEL THE LETTERS...

T/L NOTE. THE SCROLL SAYS "WIN"

WELL, TIME TO GO AND FIND THE REST OF THE SCROLLS.

Be careful

R.SA-DONO MUST STILL BE TALKING IT OVER WITH HER MOTHER-DEGO-ZARUNA.

THEN, THAT MEANS IT'S BEST IF WE GO TO KAGAMI-DONO INSTEAD -DEGOZA-RUNA.

That man he did this and that

NO... I'M SURE THAT JUST THE MENTION OF BENIYASHA'S NAME WILL HAVE HER IN A FRENZY FOR QUITE SOME TIME.

Hold on a second! How many times do I have to tell you not to get ahead of your-self?!!

NOW, LET'S GO -DEGO-ZARU.

NO MATTER HOW GOOD OF A BATH IT IS, I'M SURE KAGAMI-DONO IS OUT BY NOW -DEGON-ZARU.

AFTER ALL, IT WOULD BE RUDE TO CALL HER OUT WHILE SHE WAS BATHING -GO-ZARUKA-RUNA.

IT SEEMS LIKE THINGS ARE GETTING INTERESTING...

OHH...

Chapter 144:

"To Aim for and to be Aimed at"

AH, CHIKA-NEE.

YUKINO-SAN, KAGAMI-SAN... ARE YOU DONE WITH YOUR BATH?

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HUH? IT WON'T OPEN -DEGO-ZARU.

KAGAMI-SAN, PLEASE COME OUT. THERE'S SOMETHING WE WANT YOUR HELP WITH.

IF YOU WANT TO SEE MOM, SHE'S BEEN HIDING IN THE CLOSET...

She's scared of Benyasha.

What is she, a child?!

LEAVE IT TO ME.

MOM, WHAT DID YOU DO TO HER TO MAKE HER SO SCARED?

I won't let you fool me!! Benyasha is also good at disguises and voice imitation!!

HUP!

OOH.

AH..!

SHE'S NOT HERE -DEGOZA-RUYO?

WHAT?

GEH...

RIGHT BACK AT YOU, S NCE YOU COULDN'T EVEN DECIPHER THE N NJA CODE!

I'M AN EX-NINJA -DEGOZ-ARUYO.

STILL, EVEN THOUGH WE THOUGHT THESE WERE JUST ORDINARY PATTERNS ON THE SCROLL, THERE WAS A WORD HIDDEN IN IT...

SHE MIGHT HAVE RE-TIRED, BUT IT'S JUST AS YOU'D EXPECT FROM A LIBRARIAN -DEGOZA-RUNA.

Yes, we will!

This time, for sure, catch that rascal Beni-yasha!!

OH, HANE-DONO AND RAN-DONO.

WE FOUND THE SCROLL!

HEY, CHIK-AGE!

Heey, girls...

AH, RISA-SAN... SEEMS LIKE YOU'VE TIRED YOURSELF OUT.

IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE HEARD MY MOTHER IN SUPER RAGE MODE, SO I'M DEAD TIRED...

HEEEY!!

SEE ♥ HE CAME.

WITH THIS, EVERY-ONE'S ASSEM-BLED -DEGOZ-ARU.

COULD IT BE THAT THEY'VE BEEN DIS-QUALIFIED? IT'S LIKELY TO HAPPEN, SINCE THEY HAVE AYANE-SAN.

FOR SHISHOU, THIS IS LATER THAN USUAL -DEGOZA-RUNA...

THE ONLY ONE LEFT IS IKUTO'S GROUP.

What did you say?!

We've got a problem! Ayame has been abduct-ed by Beni-yasha!!

YOU'RE RIGHT! BUT, THIS IS WHERE THE REAL FIGHT BEGINS!

WELL, MAYBE WE'LL FIND OUT IF WE FIGURE OUT THESE HINTS?

IT'S SAD THAT ALL OF THOSE SUPPORT CHARAC-TERS HAD TO GIVE THEIR LIVES FOR THIS.

WE LET OUR GUARD DOWN BECAUSE WE WERE HAPPY TO FIND A SCROLL, AND SHE WAS ABDUCTED.

SUDDENLY, WHILE WE WERE THINKING ABOUT HOW QUIET BENI-YASHA WAS BEING THIS TIME...

EVEN SO, WHY DID IT HAVE TO BE AYANE-SAN...?

WE PROBABLY HAVE TO LINE THEM UP IN NUMERICAL ORDER.

THE LAST CLUE MIGHT ALSO BE RELATED TO THE FIRST.

IT SEEMS LIKE WE CAN'T SOLVE IT UNLESS WE LOOK AT ALL OF THEM TOGETHER.

BUT, AFTER TAKING A LOOK AT THE CLUES, I STILL CAN'T UNDERSTAND THEM.

SO, LET'S GO AND SOLVE THIS. ♥

...AND, WITH THIS, THE CLUES ARE SUPPOSEDLY COMPLETE.

!!

FUHAHAHA!

Beni-yasha!!

YOU'VE FINALLY ASSEMBLED ALL OF THE CLUES...

YOU DON'T HAVE TO APPEAR IN FRONT OF THE MOON, YOU KNOW...

EVEN WITH ALL OF THE MUSCLE-BRAINS MIXED AMONGST YOU.

AND, IF YOU'RE UNABLE TO SOLVE IT, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO COMPLETE YOUR OBJECTIVE. THUS, IT'LL BE YOUR DEFEAT.

We won't let that happen!!

A2 - defeat

ALTHOUGH MANY OF YOU HAVE FALLEN...

YOUR CURRENT MEMBERS SHOULD HAVE ENOUGH BRAINPOWER TO SOLVE THIS RIDDLE.

Shut up!

Ah! They said it first!

OH, WHO IS HE TALKING ABOUT -DEGOZARU?

IF YOU'RE SO INTERESTED IN HER, TAKE A LOOK AT THE LITTLE "GIFT" I'VE LEFT FOR YOU BELOW.

Before that, where's Ayane?! Why did you abduct her?!

AH, I ALMOST FORGOT ABOUT HER.

What?!

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Wait -dego- zaru!

THERE'S NO WAY HE'LL WAIT, YOU KNOW.

WELL, I'LL LET YOU BE ON YOUR WAY. BE SURE TO ENTERTAIN ME AS MUCH AS YOU CAN!

ALMOST AS IF IT'S SCRIPT-ED...

Ah, could it be under that mat?!

GIFT...? COULD IT BE ANOTH-ER HINT OR SOME-THING?

Ah! Ayane-san!

MNN... COLD.

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!?

Curse you, Beniya-sha!!

WHAT'S WRONG, IKUTO-CHI?

I FEEL LIKE SOMETHING SIMILAR HAPPENED AT TSUKIMITEI. RIGHT, IKUTO-SAN?

COULD THIS BE PART OF THE HINT?

WHY IS SHE BUTT NAKED -DEGOZARUKA?

IT SEEMS WE REALLY HAVE TO THINK ABOUT THESE CLUES TO FIND HIM.

ANYWAY, WE SHOULD SPLIT THE WORK AND INVESTIGATE, BUT...

They copied the clues on separate sheets.

Could she be Benigasha in disguise?!

THAT MEANS AYANE HASN'T BEEN ELIMINATED.

Owowowow-ow!! What are you saying!? Of course it's the real me!!

DID HE SPRAY ANY WEIRD REMEDY ON YOU LIKE LAST TIME?

Really, why did he only steal my clothes?

Wasn't this going to be the development where you have to save the kidnapped beauty?!

NO, I DON'T THINK SO.

It came from Rin's house!

?! Wha- what?!

FU FU FU. IF YOU THINK YOU CAN, WHY DON'T YOU TRY IT?

This time, for sure, I'll flatten you out like a pancake, with this log!

Hmph. You dare show yourself before me again, you damn mugger...!

Chief Crafts-man?!

Aaah!!

"shiff"

Take this!

That's the first time I'm hearing that!!

When any of the red-head girls in Rin's family hits a boiling point of anger, they start to show an unearthly amount of strength!

S-she's in "Red Rage" Mode!

Watch out!!

What is that?!

HUP!

Aah! Why in the world is he mocking her?!

HEH, EVEN AFTER THE YEARS OF AGING, YOU STILL HAVE YOUR IDIOTIC STRENGTH.

Like Hell I've aged!

Anyway, if we aren't careful, we'll get hurt!

Un-/ Un-/

I'll get you on the next swing!

Hmph! You think such a weak remedy will reach me?!

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Gueeh?!

HEH.

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Chief?!

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Ohh?!

?!

What is that...?

NOW THAT I HAVE THIS...

That's gotta hurt

What he threw just now was oil, not some kind of remedy??

He read ahead and made his move!

TSK.

I won't let you escape!!

OH, SO CLOSE...

WELL, SEE YOU AT THE NEXT PLACE!

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WHY DID HE TAKE THAT...?

COULD THAT PACK OF PAPER REALLY BE THE ONLY THING HE WAS AFTER?

YOU DON'T NEED TO MENTION IT.

DO YOUR BEST

...HEARING IKUTO-SAMA SAY SOMETHING LIKE "SHIKIGAMI SUMMONING" SOUNDS SO UNUSUAL THAT I'M GETTING GOOSEBUMPS.

PAPER FOR TALISMANS...?

IT WAS SPECIAL PAPER USED FOR TALISMAN SPELL-CASTING. USING SPECIAL WOOD AS ITS BASE, IT'S A SPECIAL KIND OF PAPER THAT EVEN CRAFTSMEN, ASIDE FROM THE CHIEF, CAN'T MAKE.

AH, SO IT'S THE KIND THAT MACHI USES FOR HER SHIKIGAMI SUMMONINGS.

THAT WASN'T JUST ANY NORMAL PAPER.

GRANDMA, YOU DONE?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "I THINK"?

UH... I THINK I SOLVED A CLUE...

DID YOU?

WHAT'S WRONG, PEN-PEN?

Ah!

TALISMAN PAPER. TALISMAN... PAPER... TAL.S...MAN PAPER...

UH

THIS "9" MEANS WE REFER TO THE TR CK USED N THE 9TH BOOK OF THE BENIYA-SHA SERIES, THEN USE THAT TO SOLVE THE OTHERS IN THE SAME WAY.

LOOK, THERE IS A NUMBER "9" RIGHT BEFORE THIS PART OF THE H.NT.

AH, YES! THE PUN WITH "KAR₂DON" AND "KAREIDO"*.

HEY, LET ME SEE THE PAPER, TOO.

* NOTE: REFER TO CHAPTERS 86-87

YOU ARE R GHT, S.NCE THAT IS WHAT BENIYASHA STOLE..

What?!

UHM, THIS PART THAT SAYS "OFUDAYO USH.", AS IN "IT'S WHEAT-BREAD, COW"...AND TAL.S-MAN PAPER IS READ AS "OFUDA YOUSHI"*, SO IT'S JUST A SIMPLE PUN.

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T/L NOTE: TALISMAN PAPER IS "御札用紙"

BUT, THE LAST ONE DOESN'T HAVE A NUMBER. INSTEAD, IT HAS "TOPIC".

COR-RECT.

Then, the rest are the same. Based on the number written, we just need to solve the hints associated with that book?!

WELL.. THAT MAY BE TRUE... IT MEANS THE TRICK W LL BE FOR THIS CHAP-TER ONLY.

I SEE. HE'S NOT GOING TO LET US SOLVE IT WITH THE SAME METHOD.

THAT JUST MEANS IT'S A HINT WE HAVE TO SOLVE WITH A NEW METHOD.

FOR EXAMPLE, YOU WOULD FILL IN THE BLANK WITH THE CORRECT WORDS FOR THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: "SUN, MON, TUES, ___, THURS, ___, SAT".

IT'S A METHOD WHERE, BASED ON WORDS THAT HAVE BEEN PROVIDED, YOU ADD OR REPLACE WORDS THAT COMPLETE THE SET.

HUH? O-OH YES, I GET IT. I-IT IS EASY.

SINCE IT HAS "2" ON IT, IT'S BASED ON THE HINT WITH THE "VARIATION PATTERN" METHOD.

YES.

"VARIATION PATTERN"?

THE NEXT CLUE IS:

"或, 飯, 愛, 美, 大, 柱, 有, 得, 多, 絵州, 優, 笑, 藍"...

WOW. THEN, WE'LL LEAVE THIS HINT TO YOU, AYANE-SAN.

AH, A-AS I THOUGHT. THAT WAS SUPER EASY.

ISN'T IT? THE ANSWER JUST NOW WAS "WENDS" AND "FR", ADDING TO THE GIVEN WORDS TO COMPLETE THE "DAYS-OF-THE-WEEK".

或・飯・愛・美・大・柱・有
㊂ 得・多・絵州・優・笑・藍

"4: The Legendary Scroll, held by the Clean and Beautiful Fire-Breathing Ant."

HMMM. I FEEL LIKE I'VE HEARD OF THIS BEFORE...?

THE THIRD IS FROM THE 4TH NOVEL'S HINT, WHICH HAD YOU DECIPHER THE HIDDEN MEANING AMONG THE WORDS, RIGHT?

EVEN IF WE KNOW HOW TO DO THIS ONE, IT'LL TAKE TIME TO FIGURE IT OUT.

THE FOURTH ONE IS WHERE YOU PUT TOGETHER THE GIVEN CHARACTERS TO MAKE A NEW CHARACTER.

BUT, IF WE WASTE ANY MORE TIME, WE CAN'T CATCH BENIYASHA...

IF ONLY WE HAD A WAY TO SOLVE THESE HINTS ON THE SPOT...

HM?

ARU, I, AI, BI, DAI... KEI, YUU... ENU...*

T/L NOTE. JAPANESE READING OF THE KANJI LISTED BEFORE.

HMMM. WHAT WAS IT..? "FIRE-BREATHING ANT"..

NO, IT'S NOT THAT CHARAC-TER...NOR THAT ONE..

AYANE-SAN, CAN YOU REPEAT THAT LAST PART ONE MORE TI-

Owww!!

Ouch!!

HUH ? AYANE'S CLOTHES..

BUT, IKUTO-SAMA, YOU SAID THAT WE DON'T HAVE TIME...

SO-RRY.

Hey, Ayane! I think it's best if you go home and get some change of clothes!!

HN?

"ARU, II, AI...OO, KE!..."

PEN-PEN, SHOW ME THAT CLUE!

"FIRE-BREATHING ANT"...? ISN'T THAT...?

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I got it-!!

Yes. My shinobi-eyes are never mistaken -dego- zaruyo!!

Really?! You saw Beniyasha entering the village?!

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Got it! Leave it to me!!

!!

Over there -dego- zaru!!

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Take this!!

!

WHAT ?!

GOOD-NESS, I CAN'T SEE MUCH...

Tsk! Al-most!

HUP!

Ah!

Beniyasha!! Tonight, I'll take vengeance for the insult you thrust upon me before!!

I THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO BE THE HUNTER THIS TIME...

...I DON'T REALLY LIKE THIS...

BUT, IT SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE MAKING ME PLAY "THE PREY"...

To be continued!!

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Chapter 145: I Want to Tell

TL NOTE: BENIYASHA USES A DIALECTAL TERM THAT IS NORMALLY NOT HEARD OF FROM HIM.
UN-FATH-OMA-BLE?*
SAME TO YOU. NOW, WHEN DID YOU LEARN SUCH AN UNFATHOMABLE SPELL LIKE SHIKIGAMI-FUSION?
FUFUH♡ JUST AS I'VE HEARD, YOU'RE REALLY GOOD.
MOREOVER, WHERE DID THE SHRINE MAIDEN OUTFIT YOU WERE WEARING GO OFF TO?
UH, NO ...
? IT'S JUST GONE TEMPO-RARILY AS LONG AS THE SPELL HOLDS
OH, I SEE NOW...
IF I REMOVE THE SPELL, THEN IT'LL BE BACK.

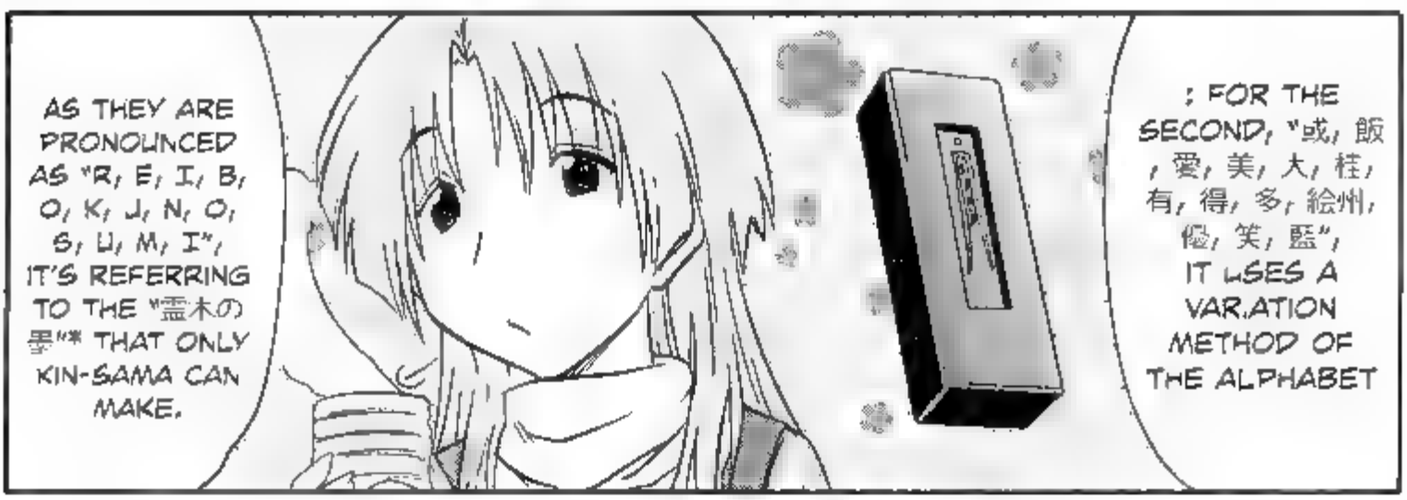
Chapter 145:

I Want to Tell

TL NOTE: LOOK TO LAST CHAPTER (PG19) IN REGARDS TO THIS CLUE.

IT'S THE "OFUDA YOUSHI"* MADE BY THE MASTER CARPENTER.
BENIYASHA HAS ALREADY TAKEN AWAY THE FIRST ITEM, BUT "OFUDAYOUSHI" IS A PUN.

TL NOTE: REIBOKU NO SUMI; SACRED TREE INK


AS THEY ARE PRONOUNCED AS "R, E, I, B, O, K, U, N, O, S, U, M, I", IT'S REFERRING TO THE "霊木の墨"* THAT ONLY KIN-SAMA CAN MAKE.
: FOR THE SECOND, "或, 飯, 愛, 美, 大, 柱, 有, 得, 多, 絵州, 優, 笑, 藍", IT USES A VARIATION METHOD OF THE ALPHABET

I HAD ALMOST FORGOTTEN THAT MY GRAMPS TAUGHT ME ABOUT IT.
BASICALLY, IT REFERS TO OBAA-SAMA'S LEGENDARY JOURNAL.
FOR THE THIRD ONE, THE LATER PART OF "THE LEGENDARY SCROLL HELD BY THE CLEAN AND BEAUTIFUL FIRE-BREATHING ANT", REFERS TO THE KIKYOU BELLFLOWER IN FLOWER LANGUAGE*.

"MIKO FUKU AKA": RED SHRINE MAIDEN'S CLOTHES. IT'S TALKING ABOUT MACHI'S CLOTHES.
THE FACT THAT BEN YASHA TOOK AYANE'S CLOTHES WAS TO MAKE A HINT TO THAT.
OBAA-SAMA'S CLOTHES IS ALSO RED, BUT THE ONE CURRENTLY IN CHARGE OF YOUKAI IS ONEE-SAMA
反小人 丁月土 女人 亦 服 赤
OH.
AS FOR THE FOURTH ONE, IF YOU REARRANGE THE CHARACTERS TO CREATE COMPOUND CHARACTERS: 反小人 丁月土 女人 ,
BUT SINCE WE FINISHED SOLVING THE OTHERS, WE KNOW THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE LAST CLUE.
THERE'S ONLY ONE CLUE LEFT TO SOLVE...A DIFFICULT ONE AT THAT.
YEAH
HUH? REALLY?
WE'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU.
OKAY, I'LL BE GOING TO TELL EVERYONE ABOUT THIS.

BY CIRCUM-STANCES, YOU MEAN YOU KNOW WHAT BEN.-YASHA IS AIM.NG FOR?
TELL ME NOW, WHAT ARE THE S.M-LARIT ES TO WHAT WE'VE FOUND OUT SO FAR?
Ah...! All of them are spellcast-ing-related items!
YOU ONLY NOTICE NOW?
Actually you had all the original pieces of paper for the clues?
THAT'S WHY, THE LAST TEM.. IT MUST BE THE ANSWER AS TO WHAT IS BENIYASHA'S ULTIMATE AIM...
IT HAS TO BE SOMETHING TO DO WITH...THE KA.RYUU SHR NE...
HEH, TO SEE YOU RUNN NG AROUND N THAT OUTFIT, SHALL I CALL YOU "BENI-YASHA" FOR NOW!?
FUFUFU...AS EXPECTED OF YOU, ABLE TO IDENTIFY WHO I AM JUST BY MY "KI".

GEH!
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That is only the case if I don't capture you!
DON'T WORRY. I'M NOT THE KIND OF FOOL WHO WILL TELL EVERYONE YOUR IDENTITY AND RUIN THE MOOD OF THIS "MYSTERY NOVEL".
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How-ever ...
HOW NOSTALGIC. KIKYOU-SAMA'S SHIKIGAMI OF THE FOUR GODS, "BYAKKO-CHAN".
Foh, how long will that composure hold?
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TL NOTE "BYAKKO" IS ONE OF THE GODS OF THE FOUR CARDINAL DIRECTIONS/SYMBOLS, THE WHITE TIGER. RULES THE WESTERN HEAVENS.

TL NOTE "SUZAKU" IS ONE OF THE GODS OF THE FOUR CARDINAL DIRECTIONS. SYMBOLS, THE VERMILLION BIRD RULES THE SOUTH HEAVENS.
Suza-kun!!*
Come forth, the Second of the Four Gods!
Hauu uh!!
KIKYOU chan!?
AS I THOUGHT, YOU CAN KEEP YOUR LOOKS YOUNG, BUT AGE GETS THE BETTER OF YOU.
SH-SHUT UP
OW OW OW MY HIP HAS GIVEN OUT

Ah! Beni-yasha!
Obaa-sama!!
HUP! YOU ARE ONE MINUTE TOO LATE!
NOW, AS PROMISED, I'LL BE TAKING THE LEGENDARY JOURNAL FROM YOU.
AH, AND HERE IS THIS, OUR SPECIAL OINTMENT.
UGH THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
GEH DO AS YOU PLEASE!
FARE-WELL!
Ah, damn!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT, OBAA-SAMA?
N-NOT REALLY.
TALS-MANS?
IES WHAT IS WRITTEN WITHIN THAT JOURNAL IS A LIST OF ASSORTED SPELL CHANTS FOR TALISMANS
COULD IT BE THAT WHAT WAS JUST TAKEN FROM YOU S THE LEGENDARY JOURNAL?

DEN DEN, HELP OBAA-SAMA GET BACK HOME.
DEN DEN!
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OOH. SO YOU HAVE YOUR OWN SHI-KI-GAMI NOW, AYANE.?
BUT... JUST LIKE YOU, IT FEELS LACKING SOME-WHERE ALONG THE LINE.
DEN DEN
I SEE... SO HE WAS A SHIKIGAMI TOO...
OH, BE QUIET.
NOW YOU NOTICE ?
NOW, AS WE EXPECTED, IT SEEMS LIKE BENIYASHA IS TRYING TO ASSEMBLE TOGETHER SOMETHING IN REGARDS TO TALISMANS.
ARE TALISMANS SOMETHING AN AMATEUR CAN MAKE ON THEIR OWN?
IT'S CASE BY CASE. FOR THOSE THAT USE POWERFUL SPELLS OR SUMMONS A SHIKIGAMI, SPIRITUAL TRAINING IS REQUIRED. .
ANYBODY CAN DO TALISMANS FOR MAGIC WARDING, SPELL TRAPS, DEFENSE AND HEALING.
I WONDER WHAT BENIYASHA PLANS ON USING THE TALISMAN FOR...?
IT SEEMS LIKE THE ANSWER TO THAT, TOO, LIES IN THE LAST CLUE.

I AGREE. IF THIS CONTINUES, WE'LL KEEP ON BEING LEFT IN THE DUST.
I BELIEVE IT'S BEST TO FOCUS ON SOLVING THIS LAST CLUE AND MAKE AN ATTEMPT TO GET AHEAD OF BENIYASHA.
I SEE.
NO...
THEN, WHERE WILL WE HEAD NEXT? TO KIN-SAMA? TO ONEE-SAMA?
VERY TRUE...
WELL, SHINOBU AND THE OTHERS ARE ALREADY HEADED TO THE VILLAGE WHERE KIN-SAMA IS. AS FOR ONEE-SAMA, I DON'T THINK SHE WOULD EASILY FALL BEHIND BEN YASHA.
Hmph. Don't think of me as the amateur from that time!
IT LOOKS LIKE YOUR SAMURAI TRAINING WASN'T JUST FOR SHOW.
MY... YOUR SWORDSMANSHIP IS AMAZING.

Yah!
OH.
Haaa ah!!
LEFT HAND!?
!?
EMPTY HANDED !?
Hmph!
AND THAT WAS CLOSE...

IF IT'S THE SAME AS EVER, AT THE RIGHT MOMENT SHOULDN'T HE BE RUNNING AWAY...?
HUH ...?
HE HE HE. I DON'T THINK I'VE GONE THAT FAR.
NO TIME TO BE BASHFUL.
I SAY... YOU AREN'T AS BLINDLY STRAIGHT-FORWARD AS YOU USED TO BE.
!? HMPH!!
OH, I'M REALLY SORRY FOR FORGET-TING ABOUT YOU.
You'll only trouble yourself if you forget that I'm here too!

WHAT !?
You bastard... it's too soon to be taking a break!!
!!
Toooh !!
GNH !!
Haah !!

W-WELL DONE.
Alright! I finally made a mark on Beni-yasha!!
!
!?
I D'DN'T HEAR ANYTH
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REALLY?
HN? DID YOU TWO HEAR THE SOUND OF A FLUTE JUST NOW?

Oh no! We let him escape!!
We dropped our guard!
JUST BECALSE WE BROKE A BIT OFF OF H.S MASK...?
HEY~! CH KAGE-CHAN!
AH, MLKKL-SAN. IS THERE ANY NEW INTEL?
EH!? IKUTO-SAN'S GROUP SOLVED FOUR OF THE CLUES!?
YEAH. ONE OF THEM SAYS THAT IT'S OVER THERE, SOME INK N THE HANDS OF KIN-SAMA
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It's from Obaba's place!!
This isn't good!!
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Kinsa-ma !!
WE'VE BEEN HAD!
HE ACTED LIKE HE WAS RUNNING TO FULFILL HIS ACTUAL GOAL!!
OH MY IT HAS BEEN A LONG WHILE, ERR. .
IT'S SHINOBU!
THERE ISN'T AN OCCUPATION FOR HOLE DIGGING!
AAH, THAT'S RIGHT. KIN-SAMA HAS ALWAYS BEEN VERY BAD AT REMEMBERING NAMES AND FACES.
IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY... FISHERMAN NAOMI-CHAN... SEAMSTRESS MASU-SAN... AND HOLE DIGGER CHISA-CHAN. . WAS IT?
OH, THAT ASIDE, BENIYASHA JUST CAME BY; BUT DID HE STEAL SOMETHING?
AAH, YES. YOU MEAN THE ONE WITH THE RED MASK?
I BELIEVE HE WENT OFF WITH THE INK THAT IS USED BY THE SHRINE TO CREATE TALISMANS.
OH, HE'S REALLY GOTTEN US THIS TIME!

MICHIRU HERE HAPPENED TO BE TRAMPLED ON WHEN THE RED MASK APPEARED.
AND MAY I ASK, WHAT IS THE PERSON HERE WHO CAN'T GET PEOPLE TO REMEMBER HER NAME DOING?
WHO... WHO IS IT WHO CAN'T GET OTHERS TO REMEMBER HER?
BUT, EVEN IF IT'S BENIYASHA, I DON'T THINK HE COULD EASILY BEAT MACHI-SAN.
WELL THEN, SHOULD WE HEAD TO WHERE MACHI-CHI IS BASED ON IKUTO-CHI'S DEDUCTIONS?
ANYWAYS, WHAT WILL WE DO NEXT? SHISHOU'S GROUP IS RIGHT NOW WITH KIKYOU-SAMA, ISN'T HE?
A-"ANY-WAYS?
RATHER, IF WE AREN'T CAREFUL, EVEN IF WE WENT TO SUPPORT HER, WE MAY BECOME THE BYSTANDERS WHO GET HURT BY HER IN THE END.

HEH. I ASK THE SAME.
YOU'RE RATHER STUBBORN. COME AND SUBMIT TO MY ATTACKS.
MY! NOW YOU'RE START NG TO GET SERIOUS!
HAH !!
ALTHOUGH I SAY THAT, THIS IS TAKING MORE TIME THAN I THOUGHT IT WOULD ..
I NEED TO GET AGGRES- SIVE, EVEN IF IT MEANS THAT I ENDANGER MY IDEN- TITY...

Oh no!!
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!?
Ropes !?
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HEH! THIS IS THE END OF THE LINE!!
JUST KIDDING ♡
WHA !?
W-WHATTA HELL WAS THAT ATTACK !?
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Take this, and this, and this!!
OH WOW!
These wings can also be used offen-sively!!
WAI! THAT AINT FAIR!
Hand signs!?
DAMMIT! I'LL JUST HAVE TO MEET HAND WITH HAND!

Wha !?
DOPPLE-GANGER JUTSU!!
!!
And your stature and speech it couldn't be
Th-these clones
YAH!
Ah!
NOT GOOD! I NEED TO RETREAT BEFORE SHE FINDS OUT...!

Mugah !!
I won't let you run!
WHAT !?
Oh dear!!
Mugah !!
IT LOOKS LIKE EVEN THE GREAT BENI-YASHA, WHO HAS BEEN TROUBLING THIS WORLD FOR SO LONG, HAS FINALLY BEEN CAUGHT.
WAIT! STOP!!
EVEN IF YOU SAY "WAIT," I WILL NOT. .
!!

As expected, it is
huh? This doesn't make se-

YOU REALLY HAVEN'T CAUGHT ON HAVE YOU. YOU ALREADY KNOW BY THAT THAT THE WAY TO SOLVE THE CLUES TH S TIME AROUND S BASED AROUND THE TITLES.
IT MEANS THAT THE NEXT BOOK WILL OBVI- OUSLY USE THE SAME KIND OF TRICK.
WHY YOU LITTLE . DO YOU HAVE TO EXPLAIN EVERYTH NG WHILE SPOUTING NSULTS?

I BEL.EVE IT REFERS TO BE NG A BEN YASHA SER ES T.TLE.
HMMM. IN RE- GARDS TO THE HINT THAT IS THIS "TOP C" ...?
EH!? WHY IS IT?

THESE SYMBOLS... ALL OF THEM GROUP THREE CHARACTERS INTO ONE WORD..
HUH?
THEN, THAT MEANS THE VARIED BITS OF THREE WILL LEAD TO A .
SOME-THING SEEMS TO BE FLYING TOWARDS US. .?
EH? WATCH OUT FOR WH-?
HUH? I CAN SEE SOME-THING...
! I SEE NOW! IF I THINK IN THIS WAY...
EH? IT COULDN'T BE.. :
!! Ikuto-san!! Watch out!!
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Umgh !!
IF MACHI-SAN IS COMPLET-ELY NAKED, THAT MEANS...
WOW! WHAT AN UNBELIE-VABLE NOSE-BLEED!:
Ikuto-sama!!
What !?
EXACTLY! THIS MEANS THAT I HAVE ASSEMBLED THE LAST PIECE THAT I NEEDED!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT SPELL HE PLANS TO CAST, BUT WE HAVE A BIT OF TIME AS IT'LL TAKE A BIT FOR TIME FOR HIM TO CREATE THE TALISMAN.
IS THERE ANYONE WHO HAS ALREADY SOLVED THE FINAL CLUE.?
Grr ...
MY SWEET DETECTIVE FOLLOWERS! DON'T LET STORY END WITH A BAD END WHERE YOU DON'T SOLVE THE FINAL CLUE!
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IKUTO-SAN SUPPOSED-LY HAD THE CLUE SOLVED, BUT...
AS YOU CAN SEE, HE'S CURRENTLY INCAPACITATED FROM BLOOD LOSS DUE TO NOSE-BLEED.
MY GOOD-NESS.
HE'S GOTTA MAN UP.
BUT THERE SN'T A SNGLE INJURY ON MACH-SAN WHO HAD FALLEN FROM THE SKY.
AS EX-PECTED OF SHISHOU!
I DIDN'T EXPECT THAT BENIYASHA WOULD BE ABLE TO STRP ONEE-SAMA OF HER CLOTHES .

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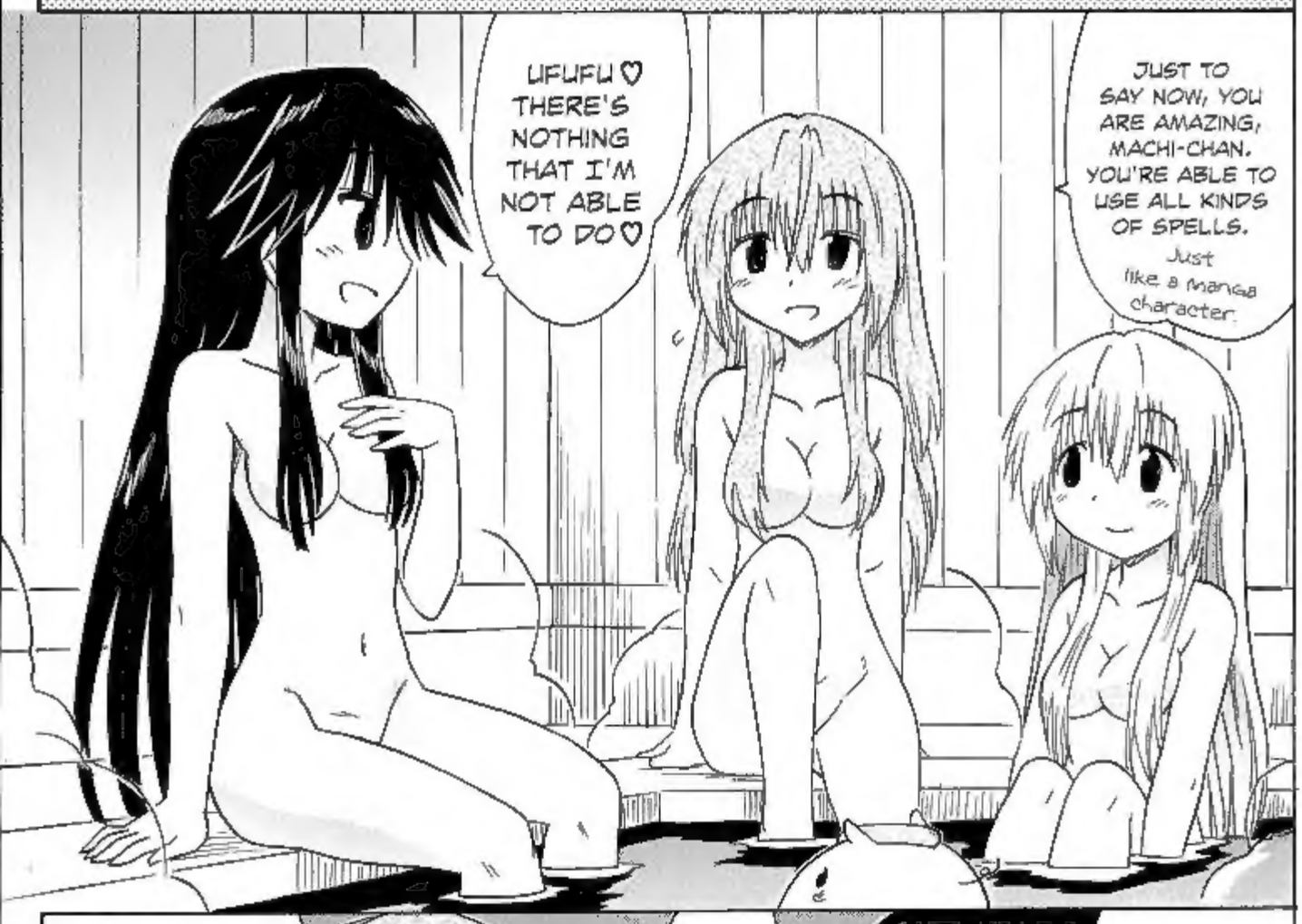
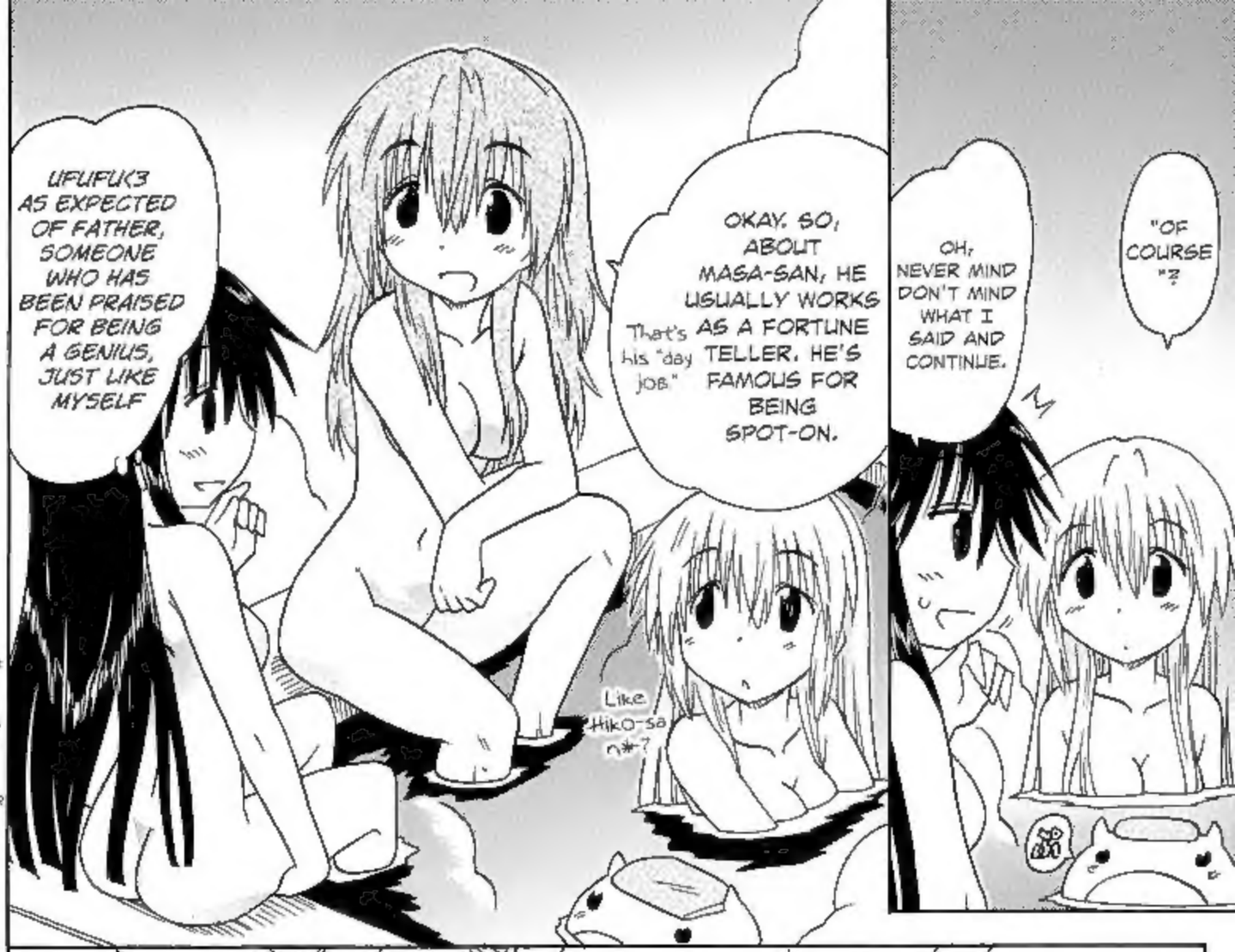

JUST TO SAY NOW, YOU ARE AMAZING, MACHI-CHAN. YOU'RE ABLE TO USE ALL KINDS OF SPELLS.
Just like a manga character.
UFUFU♡ THERE'S NOTHING THAT I'M NOT ABLE TO DO♡

SPEAKING OF WHICH... YOU MENTIONED THAT THERE IS SOMEONE WHO CAN ALSO USE SPELLS. CAN YOU TELL ME A BIT ABOUT HIM?
SURE, WHY NOT?
HIS NAME IS MASA-SAN, AND HE'S JUST AS GREAT OF A SPELLCASTER AS YOU ARE. HE GOES AROUND THE COUNTRY, TAKING CARE OF ANY STRANGE OCCURENCES WITHOUT A PROBLEM.

ON TOP OF THAT, HIS SPELLS INTEGRATE THE LATEST OF TECHNOLOGY. THERE WAS ONE TIME WHERE I WAS ABLE TO SEE HIM IN ACTION SINCE GRANDFATHER WAS HELPING, BUT HE'S JUST LIKE SOME PROTAGONIST FROM A MOVIE.
PLIP
SEAL
WOW. I DON'T KNOW WHAT A "MOO-VEE" IS, BUT SOUNDS AMAZING.
UFUFU OF COURSE HE IS ♡

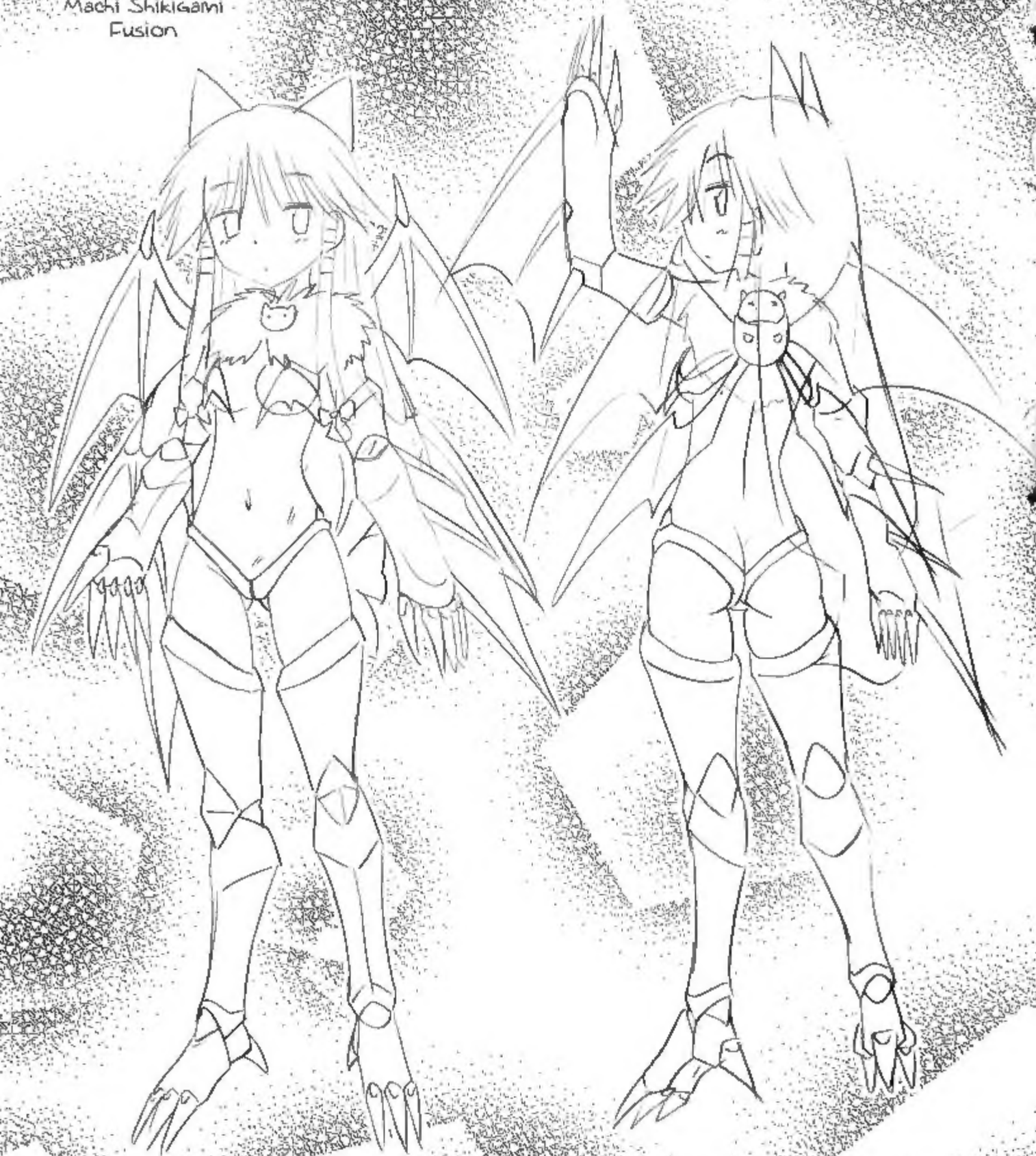

UFUFUK3 AS EXPECTED OF FATHER, SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN PRAISED FOR BEING A GENIUS, JUST LIKE MYSELF
OKAY. SO, ABOUT MASA-SAN, HE USUALLY WORKS AS A FORTUNE TELLER. HE'S FAMOUS FOR BEING SPOT-ON.
That's his "day job."
Like Hiko-san*?
"OF COURSE"?
OH, NEVER MIND DON'T MIND WHAT I SAID AND CONTINUE.

TL NOTE: A FORTUNE TELLING TENGU. LOOK BACK TO CHAPTER 74.

I SEE...
MASA-SAN IS MOST OF ALL A HANDSOME MAN. ASIDE FROM GETTING THEIR FORTUNE TOLD, THERE ARE MANY FANS WHO SIMPLY COME TO MEET HIM.

MACHI SHIKIGAMI FUSION DESIGN/CONCEPT

Machi Shikigami Fusion



Compared to when used on Ayane, all three of the bats are used, tremendously increasing speed and agility.